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Fitial begs for no prison term

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Former governor Benigno R. Fitial is requesting for a lenient sentence of no prison term, but Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Haselback is recommending to slap him with a two-year imprisonment with no parole, while chief prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas is recommending a sentence of more than a year in prison.

Attorney Stephen J. Nutting, counsel for the 69-year-old Fitial, submitted on Friday in Superior Court a memorandum that recommends that if the court determines a term of imprisonment be imposed, that it be suspended sentence in its entirety, on the condition that Fitial pay

» **OPA legal counsel recommends 2 years in prison**
» **Chief prosecutor Rapadas asks for more than a year prison term**

an appropriate fine, and restitution to for any loss to the government which might be proven for the crimes he now stands to answer for.

"Subjecting Mr. Fitial to further punishment in the way of a term of incarceration as will

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Proposed legislation wants to abolish DPL

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A proposed legislation wants to abolish the Department of Public Lands and establishing in its place the Marianas Lands Corp. with a Board of Trustees.

In a statement Friday afternoon, Rep. Felicidad Ogomoro (R-Saipan) said the MLC Board of Trustees "will manage and control the public

lands in the Commonwealth, which collectively belong to persons of Northern Marianas descent, pursuant to Section 1 of Article XI of the Northern Mariana Constitution."



Ogomoro

Ogomoro said "since its inception, DPL has been operating and making independent decisions directly related to the management and disposition of public lands—such

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FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Philippine Honorary Consul Eli Arago reads his speech during last Friday's flag-raising ceremony commemorating Philippine Independence Day at McDonald's Saipan Middle Road.

Filipino community commemorates PH Independence Day

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Filipinos on Saipan became one with Pinoys all over the world as they observed Philippine Independence Day on June 12, Friday, through a flag-raising ceremony.

Various organizations under the United Filipino Organization gathered at the flagpole area in McDonald's Middle Road for the simple yet meaningful ceremony.

After the singing of the Philippine national anthem, Philippine Honorary Consul Eli Arago welcomed the guests with his speech.

"Celebrating our freedom, our independence, will always be important and paramount. It reminds us of an important period in our nation's history," Arago said.

"Let this celebration be a reminder to all of us, my fellow Filipinos, and those who embrace the character and attitude of what and who we are, to continue to be an inspiration to others, that we better ourselves, and let not indifference, jealousy and animosity ridicule or ruin the strength of our being one community," he added.

Members of the CNMI Legislature such as Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), and Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), as well as other government officials like Saipan Mayor David Apatang were present.

Messages from the Philippines' Consul General of Agana, Guam Marciano de Borja, Department of Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz,

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Rota's Grace Christian Academy presented several accolades to its students and graduating kindergarten and 8th grade students.

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Leyda Ada's father Ichihara testifies

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The U.S. government on Friday called to the witness stand, Joe Ichihara, the father of Leyda Ada, who is accused of conspiring with her husband, Melvin, to perpetrate healthcare fraud exceeding \$1.7 million.

Ichihara completed his emotional testimony.

Ichihara was so emotional in his testimony that U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered a 20-minute recess. Ichihara was

head of the Commonwealth Health Center's Material and Supply, where Melvin was first assigned before subsequently transferred to finance or accounting section in the hospital.

A Federal Bureau of Investigation forensic accountant was the prosecution's last witness on Friday. The forensic accountant is expected to continue her testimony when the ongoing jury trial of Ada resumes today, Monday, at 8am.

During Friday's trial, assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe asked Ichihara about several

deposits involving thousands of dollars into his bank account between Sept. 15, 2011 to Dec. 8, 2011, Ichihara said it was his

niece, whom he considers his daughter, who deposited the money in Guam.

Ichihara said the money was for the construction project that he did for his niece's house.

Backe reminded that in his grand jury testimony two years and half ago, Ichihara's testimony was that he forgot about such deposits.

Ichihara explained that he made such statement before the grand jury because back then he could not recall, thinking at that time if it was his transfer of military account.

Ichihara insisted that those checks that were deposited in Guam into his bank account came from his niece.

As to Backe's question who requested or whose idea to take over the family's business, Ichihara said he helped the family and that they signed the docu-

ments and that it's all their idea to help the company.

Ichihara then stated that if Backe was implying that he knew what Melvin did, he said he had nothing to do with it.

"You have to understand the culture, too. It's Melvin not us," he said.

Ichihara looked at Judge Manglona and apologized for his answer, saying he has so much respect for the court.

"It's getting out of hand," Ichihara said, breathing heavily. He said it's time for him to take his medicine.

This prompted Judge Manglona to order a 20-minute recess.

The prosecution alleged that immediately after Melvin stopped reporting to work at CHC on July 5, 2011, he and defendant Ada, assisted by others, conducted a series of financial transactions to conceal the proceeds derived from healthcare fraud and embezzlement.

The prosecution alleged that

on Aug. 10, 2011, Melvin transferred his business licenses to "Island Trendz" and "Blaze 'N' Entertainment" to Ada. Ada in turn, allegedly transferred the licenses to a corporation controlled by her immediate relatives on Sept. 1, 2011.

On Sept. 12, 2011, the corporation's president allegedly opened a business checking account for the Ada couple at First Hawaiian Bank under the business name "Inter-Micronesia Island Trendz" and another account under the business name "Inter-Micronesia Blaze N Entertainment" on Jan. 20, 2012.

From September 2011 through September 2012, approximately \$95,000 was deposited into the "Inter-Micronesia Island Trendz" account but only \$38,000 in business gross revenue was reported over that period of time.

In the resumption of Ichihara's testimony, Backe reminded the witness that his grand jury testimony was that it was Leyda Ada's idea to transfer the business.

Ichihara explained that maybe Leyda suggested for such

transfer and the family decided it so.

Ichihara said as head of CHC's Material and Supply, he oversees the purchases to MMS.

MMS—a Medical Supply Company is a Missouri corporation, which also did business as Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc. and Midwest Medical Supply Co. LLC. CHC regularly purchased medical supplies and equipment from MMS.

Leyda Ada was employed by MMS as an account manager until January 2009. Melvin was employed as a medical supply specialist at CHC until January 2011. During his employment, he was the person at CHC who was primarily responsible for facilitating purchases from and payments to MMS.

Backe showed documents about CHC's apparent purchase of certain product and told Ichihara that in his grand jury testimony, his answer was that they're questionable purchase.

Ichihara asked Backe where are the documents showing such process.

When Backe showed the

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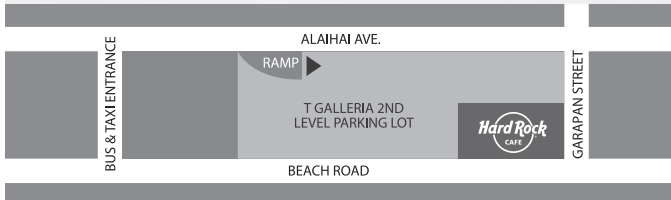
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drawing the largest number of travel trade and media reps in the history of the seminars.

Following opening remarks, destination presentations and details were delivered. Presentations were also made collaborating partners: Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, Aqua Resort Club, Country House/Moby Dick, Couture Naoko Wedding, Sandcastle Saipan/Sea Touch, Hyatt Regency Saipan, PDI, Grandvrio Resort Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa/Kanoa Resort Saipan, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, Rota Resort & Country Club, Northern Marianas College, and T Galleria. Door prizes were also distributed.

On May 27 at Shangri-La Tokyo, 160 trade and media



attended the presentation, on May 28 at **Ritz Carlton Osaka**, 54 participants joined, while on May 29 at **Hilton Nagoya**, 70 participants joined.

Arrivals from Japan fell 9 percent to 6,487 visitors on the back of an 11 percent decrease in airlift from Japan in May 2015 versus May 2014. The MVA projects that Japanese arrivals will bottom out this summer and begin to rise once again from the fall.

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original invoice for the product, Ichihara answered, "It looks like my daughter's signature."

Shown another document, Ichihara said it looks like his daughter's signature in the invoice.

Ichihara said his daughter has no authority to issue invoice for MMS.

Ichihara said he learned about the accusations against Melvin when then-Public Health secretary Kevin Villagomez and Corazon Ada mentioned it to him in July 2011.

Before that, he said he could not recall hearing about the accusation.

In his grand jury testimony,

Backe said Ichihara stated that he learned from the previous chief financial officer of the hospital that Melvin was under investigation for stealing money, and that "they just kind of drop it off."

On cross-examination by attorney Mark Hanson, counsel for Leyda Ada, Ichihara said nothing came out in 2008 about the accusations that Melvin was stealing money after then-Public Health secretary Kevin Villagomez raised the issue in 2011.

He agreed with Hanson that there's no reason for him to know what documents Melvin brought to Finance because it's already out from their office.

Ichihara said he was pissed off during the grand jury.

"Just sitting here, you don't

know the pain that we have to go through," Ichihara said. "Backe put something on my head and blow my head."

Ichihara said he donated \$2,000 to the church, but he did not want publicity about it, and that he paid his sisters' billings.

He said he hired a mason, carpenter, and others on the house's project for his niece.

Asked where his niece got the money, Ichihara said she's chief financial officer of a housing program in Guam and that her husband is a national guard.

Hanson described Ichihara as "a very generous grandfather" after Ichihara testified that he even let his grandson stay free of charge in a house that he built.

Ichihara said he was assum-

ing that Melvin stole only a couple of thousands of dollars from CHC, but he was so mad when he found out it was almost \$2million.

"The pain I have here cannot go away," said Ichihara pointing to his heart.

Bureau of Motor Vehicle Director Juana Leon Guerrero testified on Thursday that Melvin Ada sold or transferred the ownership of four cars in one day in 2011 for "zero amount."

Leon Guerrero said although it's not uncommon to see a per-

son selling or transferring ownership of car for zero amount, it is the first time during her many years working at BMV to see the sale or transfer of four vehicles in one day.

The prosecution recalled Leon Guerrero to the witness stand to ask her about BMV documents regarding the sale or transfer of four cars.

Earlier that day, Leon Guerrero also testified about other documents, showing Melvin's purchase in 2008 of a Suzuki Samurai, and purchase in 2009

of a Nissan Frontier, Nissan Rogue, Nissan Quest, and Nissan 350Z.

Shown with BMV documents, Leon Guerrero said Melvin presented deed of sale of a

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Fletcher welcomes BSI's addition to the grid

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan Fletcher welcomes Best Sunshine's International, Ltd.'s 9-megawatt addition to the power grid, calling this the kind of commitment the struggling utility needs to

help lower power costs.

According to Fletcher, CUC has lost half of their sales in kilowatt-hours over the last 10 years, leaving a smaller lower base to pay to maintain the same system that accommodated a

base twice the size.

Best Sunshine's 14-story Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel Resort in Garapan project an anticipated demand of 9 megawatts. The hotel is planning back-up power generation but is

expected to hook up with CUC for their main power demand.

"I think that's wonderful," Fletcher said in a recent interview. "This is a commitment we need from all new development coming on the island—because it's not just about their businesses—it's about the whole community,

and we all know if we have these extra loads, we can build up our kilowatt hour sales. It's going to lower the price for everybody on that base rate," he said.

"Remember, we lost half of our sales in kilowatt hours in the last 10 years. We used to be twice as much sales—and it would be more efficient of a system—but we still have all this system to maintain so we are spreading that pool of fixed costs out over a smaller kilowatt sales basis. So the more sales—

it's going to be help."

Hopefully, Fletcher said, the CNMI is over that "rough spot," and "we are going to be expanding the economy moving forward."

On top of Best Sunshine, new hotel development on island includes, among others, Honest Profit International's "Saipan Resort Hotel" in San Antonio and Saipan International Real Estate Development Corp.'s "Ocean Vista Resort" in Capital Hill. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

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be recommended by the government, would not serve the interest of justice, nor would it serve the interests of the Commonwealth," Nutting said.

Nutting also cited Fitial's background and extensive record of service to the Commonwealth, including as a former House speaker.

OPA legal counsel Hasselback, who is serving as a special prosecutor in the case, filed a memorandum on Thursday, that recommends a sentence of five years imprisonment, all suspended except for two years with no possibility of parole, a fine of \$5,000 and a 10-year ban on employment with the CNMI government.

"Such a sentence would punish the defendant for his blatant arrogance in treating the time, money, and resources of the CNMI's law enforcement agencies as his own private property and dispatching the good men and women who serve our community away from their duties to protect the public with the express purpose of breaking the law," Hasselback said.

In the government's memorandum filed on Friday, chief prosecutor Rapadas recommends a one-year sentence to be served at the Department of Corrections, with such sentence to be served consecutively to any sentence imposed for count seven conspiracy to commit theft of services. Rapadas asks the court to impose a fine, with the amount at the court's discretion.

"This court should send a message to all offenders that the laws must be respected and that the laws apply to government officials equally," Rapadas said.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman will hold the sentencing on June 24, 2015 at 1:30pm.

Last May, Fitial pleaded guilty to the charges of misconduct in public office and conspiracy to commit theft of services.

The offense of misconduct in public office refers to the time when Fitial had his masseuse—a female Chinese who was at that time a federal prisoner at the Department of Corrections—temporarily released so she could massage him at his house on Jan. 8, 2010.

The conspiracy to commit theft of services refers to Fitial's role in

former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham's efforts to evade lawful service of process during his departure from the Commonwealth at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport on Aug. 3 or 4, 2012.

Fitial resigned as governor on Feb. 20, 2013, days after the House of Representatives impeached him on charges of corruption, felony, and neglect of duty.

In the sentencing memorandum, Nutting said Fitial has already been severely punished for his actions; he is no longer the proud governor of the CNMI; will likely go down in history as the first governor of the CNMI to have been impeached, and then convicted of crimes committed while in office.

Nutting said Fitial, his wife and children, have been in constant anguish over the uncertainty of these proceedings and the potential harsh consequences he now faces.

At the same time, he said, these worries were only compounded by Fitial's ongoing struggle with diabetes and his health, and the intensive physical therapy he must undergo to stem the slowly degenerating disease which plagues him.

Further punishment, he said, would only serve the demand for senseless retribution voiced by those few adversaries who either fail, or are unwilling to recognize all of the positive things Fitial did for the Commonwealth while he was in the executive office and over the course of his long and distinguished career.

On the escort of the masseuse, Nutting explained that in the late evening of Jan. 7, 2010, on the very eve of his second inauguration celebration, Fitial was suffering from severe and excruciating back pain that prompted him to call the Department of Corrections director to escort the masseuse to provide him treatment he needed.

Nutting said no charges were ever brought by the U.S. Attorney or the CNMI Attorney General against Fitial, or anyone else connected with such escort.

Nutting said then-U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson did not impose any sanctions or reprimand against Fitial or the Department of Corrections for their actions related to the escort.

While the incident caused no

small amount of embarrassment to then governor Fitial, it caused little, or no damage to the Commonwealth.

Nutting said seeking the escort, Fitial overstepped his lawful authority, and such gave rise to the charges.

Nutting pointed out that the nature of this misconduct does not warrant a term of incarceration, especially now, five and one half years after the event.

On the Buckingham escort, Nutting said Fitial's action in this matter were far different from those of Buckingham.

Nutting said first and foremost, Fitial, although a part of the conspiracy to give Buckingham an escort to the Saipan International Airport, gained no benefit from that conspiracy.

Second, and unlike Buckingham, Nutting said Fitial did not flee the CNMI after having been served with process when the conspiracy proved fruitless.

To the contrary, Nutting said, Fitial voluntarily returned to the CNMI to answer the charges, sparing the CNMI the expense of seeing extradition.

He said third and unlike Buckingham, Nutting said, Fitial has accepted responsibility for his actions and has spared the CNMI the expense of a lengthy and highly publicized trial, and the possible appeals which might follow.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo found Buckingham guilty of six charges and imposed a suspended sentence, citing to the former AG's service to the CNMI, his age, and medical issues.

In his recommendation, Hasselback said Fitial's complete neglect of his oath of office deserves censure and this sentence would appropriately punish his wrongdoing.

Such a sentence, Hasselback said, would serve as a strong deterrent to present and future elected officials, so that they do not emulate the defendant's deplorable actions.

Hasselback said while Fitial does not pose any direct physical threat to the safety of the CNMI's citizenry, the court should carefully consider the significant impact that the fraud, waste, and abuse of government funds and property involved in such instances of public corruption have had upon the general state of the Commonwealth.

On the contrary, he said, a

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Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario, Vice President Jejomar Binay, and President Benigno Aquino III were read by Bayani president Mario Mayuga, Olive Yana, Butch Ordas, Minda Cas-

tro, and Arago, respectively.

"Though the tides of fate have brought us to different shores, our rallying cry resonates with the same dream for our countrymen: an inclusive, progressive nation," the message from Aquino noted.

"Happy Independence Day, and though you are in other shores, may you always uphold

the values that mark your noble heritage," Binay's message read.

In his speech, UFO president Bong Malasarte thanked the CNMI's leadership for making Filipinos feel like they are home.

"I want to thank the CNMI for joining forces with us Filipinos," he said.

The Filipino community was also thankful for McDonald's for

letting them celebrate the special event in the area. After the ceremony, they gathered at the fast-food chain for a hearty breakfast.

The theme for this year's Independence Day is "Kalayaan 2015: Tagumpay sa pagbabagong nasimulan, abot kamay na ng bayan" (Independence 2015: Triumph through reforms, within nation's reach).

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as public land leases and village homestead development—without the presence, input, advice of, or voting by the Public Lands Advisory Board as required by Public Law 15-2."

"Due to the scarcity of public lands in the Commonwealth, it is imperative that such lands are managed as effectively as possible," she said.

Ogumoro said her bill will rectify this situation through the establishment of the MLC, with a Board of Trustees charged with the management and disposition of Northern Marianas descent-owned public lands.

The lawmaker said she is "troubled that DPL has been withholding funds derived from public land leases, which should have been remitted to the Marianas Public Land Trust to invest for the benefit of persons of Northern Marianas descent."

"This practice on the part of DPL is unacceptable, and in violation of Public Law 15-2 and the NMI Constitution," Ogumoro said.

Ogumoro said the proposed MLC Board of Trustees will have a clear mandate of their powers and responsibilities in managing public lands, including the remittance of funds to MPLT."

She said her bill also mandates the hiring of the an MLC administrator and controller "to ensure appropriate enforcement and compliance of the fundamental provisions of the Act."

Shrugging it off

Representatives of DPL were not available last Friday to comment on Ogumoro's proposal.

Ogumoro's bill is just one of the few proposed legislation seeking to radically change the DPL.

Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-

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2004 Nissan Quest to Leyda Ada on Aug. 1, 2011.

Leon Guerrero said on that same day, Melvin also presented deeds of sale of a 2005 Nissan Frontier, a Nissan 350Z, and a 2009 Nissan Rogue to three other persons all for "zero amount."

Leon Guerrero said Melvin also sold a 2005 Nissan Murano for "zero amount" on Aug. 5, 2011, and a 1995 Honda Civic to Rosa Ichihara for \$1 on Sept. 21, 2011.

Leon Guerrero said Melvin sold a 2009 Nissan Rogue for \$12,000 on Feb. 21, 2012. She said the car has the same de-

Saipan) and other members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation earlier said they are looking at amending a law to allow the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to be the administrator of landing fees at Managaha Island instead of the DPL.

But for Tenorio, this can be "problematic."

"The problem is that if you (lawmakers) disagree with something or something is against your own political will, you just want to change it. I don't think that is the way to do it."

Tenorio earlier maintained that legislators should always "look at it from the standpoint of what the Constitution says."

Another proposed legislation is Senate Bill 19-42, which was introduced by Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), prohibiting the lease of public land for live fire and bombing exercises.

Tenorio also earlier said the bill is "unnecessary because the Legislature already has the obligation and duty to approve and disapprove certain leases per Article 11 of the Constitution."

The DPL chief further said one problem he sees is that "we don't know what the U.S. is willing to pay," and that "we would never know what is being offered unless discussion are conducted aimed at establishing some kind of fair market value for public lands that the military would be interested in leasing, such as Pagan, in its entirety or portion of it."

He reiterated that the Legislature has the right to say "no" to discussions, and that there should an "open and balanced" discussions with the military.

Tenorio said the CNMI is not even on the stage of discussing how many years or how much land will be leased, yet proposed legislation seem to be "closing opportunity."

scriptions with the vehicle Melvin sold on Aug. 1, 2011.

During cross-examination by atty. Hanson, the BMV director agreed with Hanson that selling a car for "zero amount" is not surprising because, just like in the case of the 2004 Nissan Quest, the buyer was Melvin's wife.

Leon Guerrero also agreed that the amount of sale of car is zero because maybe there's exchange of money behind it. She also agreed with Hanson that during Melvin car transactions, she was not aware that he was stealing almost \$2 million from CHC.

On Backe's re-direct examination, Leon Guerrero said it's the first time she encountered a person selling four cars for "zero amount" in one day.

Kilili bill supports CNMI ocean and coastal research

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) introduced a bill supporting ocean and coastal research in the CNMI.

In his weekly e-newsletter, Sablan said, "Together with congressmen Don Young (R-Alaska) and Frank Guinta (R-New Hampshire), I introduced legislation this week to continue the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System."

Sablan cited that the Commonwealth government is a member of PacIOOS, one of 11 regional councils that partner with 17 federal agencies in



Sablan

the system.

The lawmaker said PacIOOS has installed monitoring buoys off Saipan to mea-

sure and forecast wave action, weather patterns, and water quality and temperatures.

"Understanding flood hazards, ensuring safe navigation and search and rescue capabilities, and gathering data on fisheries and water quality are important areas of research for the Northern Marianas and all of America's coastal areas," Sablan said.

He added that the bill he introduced, H.R. 2744, will provide \$36 million annually through 2019 to this program. *(Joel Pinaroc)*

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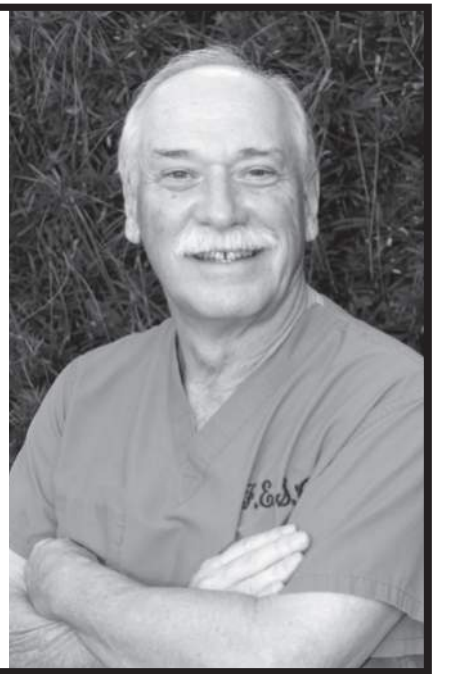
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Marianas Baptist Academy's top three middle school students, from left, Ian Rei Cataluna, Esther Hansol Huh, and Matt Jason B. Moran.



MBA's high school salutatorians and valedictorian pose for a photo after their graduation. From left are salutatorians Pearl Cataluna, Cloency Chua, Alina Yoon, and valedictorian Won Woo Choi.

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MBA graduates high school and junior high students

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REPORTER

The Marianas Baptist Academy held its 28th commencement exercise for both its junior high and high school students at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe last Friday afternoon.

MBA's high school valedictorian was Won Woo Choi, who will be studying Applied Mathematics at Texas A&M.

MBA's three salutatorians were Pearl Caresse M. Cataluna, Cloency Zuriel Cha, and Alina Yoon.

In middle school, the students with highest percentile average—from first to third place—

were Ian Rei Cataluna, Matt Jason B. Moran, and Esther Hansol Huh.

Notably, Cataluna and Moran were the youngest in the class, having skipped the sixth grade.

On Friday, MBA graduated about 11 high school students. They are all heading to college off-island.

They also graduated about 16 eighth grade students from their middle school.

Right now, MBA is accepting fifth to 12th grade students for upcoming school years 2015-2016. Open enrollment is ongoing. The school is located in Dandan, across the Shell gas station.

Sexual abuse charges against teacher dismissed

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho on Friday dismissed the charges against Kenn Litulumar Aldan, a 42-year-old teacher accused of sexually abusing a minor girl that is autistic.

At a preliminary hearing, Camacho found no probable cause to believe that the crimes of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace were committed.

Camacho dismissed the charges without prejudice, meaning that the government can bring the charges if and when they are able to obtain more evidence.

The judge said at beast, the prosecution has shown an alleged victim who has been coached to say she was sexually abused in order for Aldan to transfer all of his property.

Camacho said the tactic of the mother of the alleged victim to leverage bringing sexual charges to obtain property takes away from all the legitimate cases and victims who need and deserve help.

Aldan was accused of sexually abusing two minor girls and inappropriately touching the private parts of two minor boys.

The Office of the Attorney General elected to file charges only with respect to the 16-year-old girl.

At a preliminary hearing on Friday, Camacho said the mother of the alleged victim gave Aldan an ultimatum to transfer all of his property to one of her children.

She gave Aldan a week of ultimatum to such transfer or else she would report to police that he was molesting the children.

Camacho said the alleged victim is 16 years old and is homeschooled and highly susceptible to suggestions, and only responds to questions in short broken sentences.

Camacho said police interviewed the alleged victim, who provided conflicting stories—as the incident happened on "Feb. 7 or 20 or maybe April 8."

The judge said the law is very clear—the Constitution requires probable cause to bring the charges.

"Probable cause is evidence which amounts to more than a bare suspicion but less than evidence that would justify a conviction. For a conviction at a trial, proof beyond a reasonable doubt is required," Camacho said. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Kids and kids at heart line up at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library last Saturday to get their free comics. The state library on Saipan was one of two sites for Free Comic Book Day.

Hundreds line up for Free Comic Book Day

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Young and old alike lined up at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library to grab free comics and have fun as Saipan celebrated its Free Comic Book Day last Saturday.

About 1,200 Free Comic Book Day comics and editions from Green Flash Comics were given away at the library in Susupe as well as at Saipan's only comic book store in Garapan.

According to store owner Glenn Keaton there were more

people who came this year than last year when FCBD was first celebrated in the island.

"All of the Free Comic Book Day editions are gone," Keaton said.

"The line hasn't stopped, it's continuous. People are still parking, getting out of their cars," JKPL technical service librarian Rosalyn Ajoste said.

According to Ajoste, they are partnering with Green Flash to further promote comics.

"The reason we're doing this is to promote comics as an art form because it engages readers in a way that no other art form

does," she said.

"Comics also enrich people's lives and they appeal to those who are more [visually-oriented]," she added.

According to Keaton, he didn't expect the turnout to include a notable number of adults and females.

"There were more adults than I expected, there were more girls than I expected," he said.

He added that for next year, he will make sure to consider adults and females when he orders comics for FCBD.

Aside from the free comics, there was also a book sale as well as other fun activities for younger kids such as face paint-

ing and reading. Registration for the library's summer program was also opened that day.

DPS investigating death of man found on hotel terrace

Police are investigating the death of a 29-year-old Chinese man who was found Friday morning on the terrace area of the second floor of the 18-story Grandvrio Resort, which was formerly called Hafadai Beach Hotel on Saipan.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said the investigation is ongoing and that further information will be released when available.

Tarkong said on Friday at 6:26am, police responded to Grandvrio Resort after receiving report about a possible dead person.

Tarkong said upon arrival, police met with witnesses and hotel's staff who came across the victim, who was found on the terrace area of the second floor.

The victim had no pulse and was not breathing when police came.

Tarkong said police learned the victim's name, but his name will not be released pending notification of the next of kin.

"At this point of time, DPS Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation is investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of the victim," Tarkong said.

The victim was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center, where he was pronounced dead by Dr. Jeremy Seelinger at 8:43am.

Tarkong did not indicate in the report what type of injuries the victim sustained after the deadly fall. He also did not specify whether he is a tourist. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Two graduate from Marine Corp boot camp

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REPORTER

Two U.S. Marine Corps enlistees from Marianas High School's 2014 graduating class graduated from the Marine Corps boot camp last June 5, according to Marine Corps Permanent Contact Station Saipan recruiter Staff Sgt. Rodney Deleon Guerrero.

The graduates are Carlo Oc-

aya and Carl Mojica who completed their physical training as Marine poolees last March and left for boot camp training on the same month.

Deleon Guerrero also said that two other enlistees will be graduating from boot camp this month. Saipan Southern High School's Samantha Amog left for boot camp late March, while Robin Basto, also from SSHS, will be grad-

uating at the end of this month.

"So far two will be leaving for training on August, one on September and one in July. There is one right now heading to training," Deleon Guerrero said.

More than 30 individuals from the Commonwealth have so far enlisted in the Marine Corps since fiscal year 2014 up to the present.

The some 30 enlistees were either attending or new gradu-

ates from Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, Kagman High School, attended private school, an off-island institute, or the Northern Marianas College.

Recently 22 left for boot camp and are either currently training or graduating from recruit training.

Deleon Guerrero said that there are still others on island waiting for their report time to ship to recruit training in San Diego, California.

During the recruiting process, each applicant goes through a screening process.

This is to determine wheth-

er they are morally, physically, and mentally qualified for service in the Marine Corps. Once they enlist Deleon Guerrero will enter them into the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program, which is designed to prepare them mentally and physically for the rigors of the 13-week recruit training evolution.

As a recruiter, Deleon Guerrero usually sets two appointments each day, which gives time for additional walk-ins occurring throughout the day.

While Deleon Guerrero visits the local schools he usually interacts with over 15 kids. On

a given day he makes contact with about 15 individuals via telephone. He also gives career presentations periodically to a predetermined group of students, which range from about 20 to 35 students.

Deleon Guerrero assumed his post last Jan. 20 as the new recruiter for the Marine Corps' Saipan-based recruitment office. He provides students with details on the benefits and opportunities they will get by joining the Marine Corps.

For those interested in becoming a Marine, contact the Marine Corps recruiting office at 235-1881.

Host families sought for mayor's office student exchange program

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REPORTER

The Saipan Mayor's Office is seeking host families to host students coming from Japan, according to mayor's office executive assistant Yuki Kishimoto.

Some nine students from the International Youth Association of Japan Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai group from Tokyo will be arriving on July 28 and will need families willing to host them.

Kishimoto said they will be conducting outdoor activities for the KSKK group during their visit to Saipan.

The students will arrive July

28 and will leave Aug. 4.

The nine students include six boys and three girls and are escorted by one chaperone.

According to the KSKK website, the homestay program allows Japanese students to interact with different cultures and enhance their knowledge of the cultures of the place they are visiting.

According to the website, 90 percent of their students traveling overseas for homestay programs are either first-time travelers or can hardly speak English.

The KSKK was founded in 1973 and has contributed to the promotion of friendly exchanges between countries.

There will be other schools from Japan visiting the CNMI and will need homestay.

On Aug. 5 to 11 Sanpoen students will be arriving, ECC English School students will arrive on Aug. 17 to 21, Johoku High School will arrive on Oct. 27 to 30, KSKK will have a trip for CNMI students interested in homestay in Japan on Nov. 12 to 17, and KSKK students will arrive once again for homestay in Saipan from Dec. 24 to 30.

For more details, interested families can pick up homestay applications at the Saipan Mayor's Office at the Ladera Center on Beach Road or call Aquino at 234-6208, 234-6280, 235-7304.



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NRCS assists in building runoff-adverse piggery projects on Saipan

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REPORTER

The National Resources Conservation Service, under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is “cost-sharing” several environmental friendly projects on island, some of which are designed to help prevent runoff pollution and deter water costs.

Contracted under EQIP, or the Environmental Friendly Incentives program, Saipan resident Joe Seman now has a rebar enforced, covered piggery with gutters draining rainwater into pipes and a water tank. The tank then feeds water into “nipples” in each pigpen for pigs to bump with their snout and drink.

The piggery is a “dry-litter” piggery, meaning it has piles of shredded wood chips in each pen, which over time collects the waste of Seman’s pigs.

This, versus a “wash-down” or wet piggery, which attracts more flies and contributes to the runoff waste that eventually enters the streams of the island’s watersheds and into the ocean.

Seman’s piggery is elevated at a 12-percent slope. This allows the piles of shredded wood and waste almost fall out of their pens, where they are scooped out and put into three compost bins built behind the piggery.

According to NRCS district conservationist Kendal B. Hicks, the waste is properly composted and takes about four months before they “smell like earth” and can put around Seman’s fruit trees on his property.

Seman told *Saipan Tribune* he thinks the piggery should last him at least 10 years. With his previous piggery, an open, wash-down or “wet” piggery, he had to change its pallet every year. Hicks also said the piggery structure can withstand 175 miles per hour of wind, as is standard to resist typhoons in the CNMI.

The idea of a sloping, dry litter, and composting piggery ties into a much bigger environmental idea. That is, how to prevent runoff pollution from entering the streams of island’s watershed and into the ocean surrounding the island’s beaches?

For one, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality has walked up the stream sites and visited houses in the Achugao or Tanapag watershed, looking for possible sources of pollution to the often “red-flagged” beaches nearby.

Through their water quality division, BECQ tries to get families, whose houses often sit right next to these streams, finds ways to clean up their pig waste, or to seal off their water wipes discharging into the stream, or move their animals off these streams.

Hicks and other NRCS ad-



DENNIS N. CHAN

This “dry litter” piggery is designed to prevent the harmful effects of wash-down or “wet” piggeries, which carries stronger odor, flies, and contributes to the runoff pollution from the island’s watersheds.

ministrators, along with a team from BECQ visited the home of Morhina and Francisco Iguel on Wednesday to present her with the designs for the new piggery.

Her previous piggery, which per her contract with EQIP has been broken down, sat right near a village stream.

Iguel’s new piggery, which is about to begin permitting clearances, will be the first NRCS-contracted piggery in Tanapag.

The Iguel’s will be the first family in the village to this, according to NRCS and BECQ. They will be an example of a home complying with water quality enforcement rules.

Hicks told *Saipan Tribune* that the EQIP is a “cost-share” program, where “reimbursement is quick.” NRCS provides technical and design assistance and financial reimbursement for the costs of their projects, which are approved with operational and maintenance requirements. Participants can choose their own contractors, or select from a list of contractors NRCS provides. Contact Hicks at (670) 233-3415 ext. 100.

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The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to provide construction repair services for identified waterline leaks in the CUC water system. This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract will be awarded to multiple Contractors. The work will consist of excavation and leak repairs on various types of waterlines and appurtenances. Materials for leak repairs are to be provided by CUC. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year, contingent upon funding and if exercised by CUC.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and CUC & the US Department of Interior -Bureau of Reclamation. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division, by 3:00 p.m. (ChST) on June 26, 2015 in order to be considered.

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC RFP-15-017, Waterline Repairs, Saipan, CNMI” to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 14, 2015**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission.

The deadline for proposal submittals is July 14, 2015, although this date may be subject to change. Changes to the proposal schedule will be distributed to all registered proponents by the CUC Procurement and Supply office.

Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of proponents' preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Proponents shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proponents.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be considered only from registered proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 30, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org.

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EDITORIAL

Civil Wars

It is a scar that defies healing. The “South will rise again” is hardly an empty shibboleth, and the southern States have not surrendered their manners to the uncouth and toxic north, an oft-repeated articulation of the U.S. Civil War.

The current north-south divide, a racial one between whites and blacks that still seethes underneath American society, is manifest in a discord between civilian and police force. A suspected shooter who blames officers of the Dallas Police department on a domestic just got himself killed in the process!

The defense of the police blossomed, until immediately post-WWII, a haven of “whites.” A result of the country’s budget poured on military spending, we now have local police equipped with tanks, leftovers from Pentagon’s deceptive arsenal-for-peace, against the nation’s requirements of health, education, and welfare, an embarrassment.

Civil wars result from conflicting vested interests, e.g., the genteel plantation of the south versus the toxic industrial north in the U.S. “Civil war” is an oxymoron. To be “civil” precludes conflict, the essence of war. Couched in ideological terms, it is now in the U.S. reduced to a confrontation between socialized equity in the means of production and the communal distribution of benefits vs. free flow of capital in open markets, coded as free enterprise, spreading wealth on a 1/99 divide. Conflicts are not always ideological. Ethnic-based struggles often define attrition, especially when powerful personalities are involved.

Multifaceted trouble brews in Afghanistan even before Russia’s bear in hammer and sickle descended. Neighbors Albania and Macedonia skirmish with each others’ minorities, Cote d’Ivoire has Muslim north vs. Christian south, Iraq spawned ISIS in the Tigris-Euphrates and the Levant, Darfur’s refugees in Sudan, Chad vs. Sudan, Palestine’s Fatah-Hamas-Yisra’el destructive roulette, Mexico’s drug cartels, Libya’s rebels, Mali’s assertive Tuareg, and Syria’s multiparty fiasco. We will skip ongoing conflicts that include the Moro Liberation and communist insurgency in the Philippines.

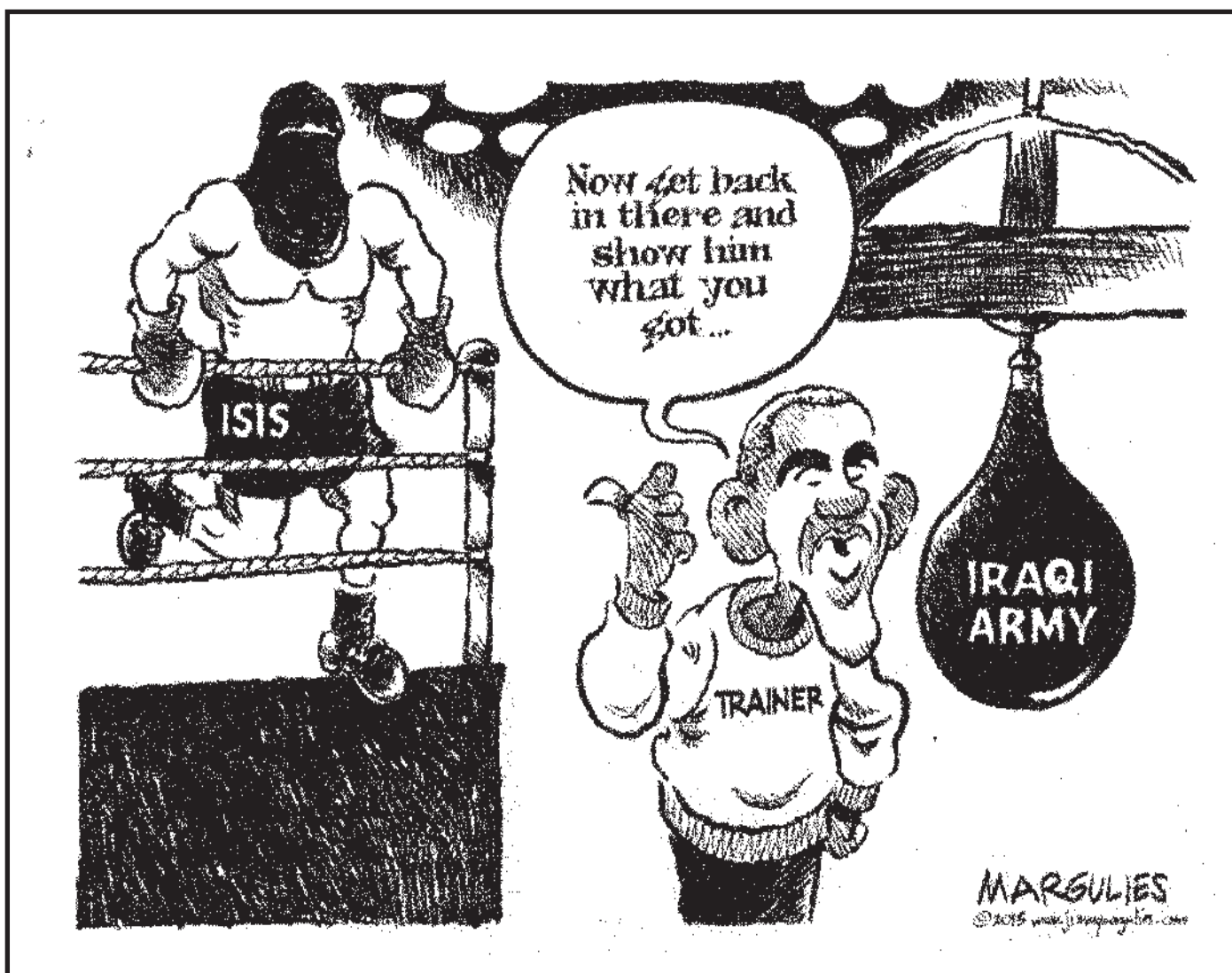
The United States holds dear ownership of guns from the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights, to wit: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

The U.S. Supreme Court took the Second Amendment as a guarantee of individual right to bear arms. There are more private owners of arms in America than the rest of the world combined!

While the U.S. protects its citizens’ right to bear arms, the United Nations aims to have free education to 12th grade globally by 2030. Mayhap, it is time for the planet and the United States to explore the implications of Civil Peace! The Peace Corps (FSM’s Pohnpei just got a bunch) is an attempt at people connections.

It is time for another amendment, mayhap to read: “A well promoted education, necessary to the well-being of a free State, the right of all people to 12 years of free education shall not be infringed.” That’s one “war” we do not mind waging.

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Flag Day USA

At the American Memorial Park, the Stars and Stripes flutters over the blue skies of the Marianas, a proud symbol of two-century long wrestling with democratic and republican governance the island joined in 1976. School yards recite: “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

The goose pimples experienced in the recitation of the pledge attests to the power of the rite to elicit an emotive response, a function that served the Nazis with the swastika, the sign of the cross to Catholics, the sound of the aum to the Hindus, and the prayer beads to Bodhi-holics and Muslims. Now we have the universally worn reversed head cap with oversized shirts on dangling baggy pants and the obligatory tattoo on the butt among teens of all genders!

Symbols were Adolf Hitler’s tools. Flags and banners flew everywhere. Because they looked either ostentatious or of no practical value, they were often spurned by our Puritan tradition as unnecessary, or showy.

Banners flutter in many sacred sites in Inner Mongolia, Xinjiang, Xizang, Sichuan, Nepal, and Bhutan. The East is Red” was more than a policy statement in China of the ’60s. Red is a color of passion and energy (worn by brides and grooms) as white stares the stark but profound silence of death, in contrast with the grief in black shown elsewhere. Green is the shade of environmental good sense, while yellow signifies the vitality of parliaments of the streets. Color resounds, flutter invigorates.

Educators inform us that 80 percent of what we learn is by sight with sound splitting the remaining 20 percent, a sum of the combined total of smell, taste and touch. Visual and audio symbols are, thus, the most effective way of conveying a message. We do lack the artistry of intentional artforms compared to the mish-mash of colors thrown against schoolroom walls.

Then there is the endless gab on the phone since its invention, this age adding text to the conversation. We now have the smartphone to thank for; at least, it has everyone occupied with the thumbs doing the walking rather than the tongue wetting the wagging!

With the chicken flu in 20 States of the Union, and the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) currently overwhelmingly Korea as its earlier cousin the SARS ripped through China not too long ago, the air mask has become the symbol of our time, already worn in many places against pollution, Tokyo and Beijing being good examples, but this time south of Panmunjom. We could be zeroing on the coronavirus rather than worrying who has delivery capability of a nuclear warhead!

The flame trees in bloom around the auditorium at the American Memorial Park in Saipan sooth the eyes and spark the sunlight in our soul. From the familiar but stark greyness of Dong Bei skies, a

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stroll through the AMP by the flags, and the boats at marina cove is a priceless experience. Japanese businessmen work for a year just to afford a week on island.

I am heading to MERS country in a fortnight, surprised that I am unable to make onward and return booking June and July on regular OZ flights through Korea so I had to get UA to pull strings on my mileage plus awards. Well, what I hear is that the rate of cancellation is high but it will cost me mucho to change bookings. Instead, I will be transiting through Busan for more than a quarter of a day, and on the return, half a day in Shanghai and just a bit shorter in Guam before getting on a turboprop to Saipan.

The sight and sounds of our 8x5 mile island, the weird sensation of the sand in between the toes at the lagoon (please do not step on the dark sea cucumbers, nor harvest them for soup), the regulated streetwalkers in Garapan (who said we do not have a red light district), and the occasional sailboat by the Carolinian utt, is a diversity of sunset experiences without face masks that necktie wearers in New York, scarf drapers in Paris, and curry mixers in Delhi do not offer, alas, a reality we take for granted.

I shan’t forget Saipan’s blue skies as I cough the carbon monoxide of Beijing and Shenyang northeast of China. Our bleak Puritan perspective probably missed the colorful Flag Day in the US of A yesterday. Stars and Stripes of 50 white stars on blue representing the 50 States of the Union, and the total 13 red-white stripes representing the original 13 colonies that parted with England’s royalty, leading to the creation of the nation, is a reminder that we are known and adored more for being inclusive rather than being exclusive.

The smartphone is probably the closest micro-symbol of this generation, and we are only too familiar with couples sitting across each other in a restaurant busy separately fingering their LCDs. “Emojis” have entered my vocab, and “femojis” smile better than the old smileys. We know the smartphone is not very smart, but it sure gets a lot of mileage as a texter and a phone.

The flag represents a nation’s pride, a key symbol among my generation, but now marketed as patches that grace sleeves on shirts and the hip pockets on our pigu. Whatever. Wear your colors, and proudly!

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A year after Inos' first SOCA

In his first State of the Commonwealth Address almost a year ago today on June 30, 2014, Gov. Eloy S. Inos reported an economy that is "recovering" and while so many challenges are ahead, he said the "future is providing us with many more opportunities to continue growing." Annual business activity could reach \$1.3 billion, he said, and thankfully, the tourism-based economy continues to recover but the challenges are far from over.

While it's true that every administration attempts it and that every new administration is expected to do better than the previous ones (especially if the last one was a subject of an impeachment process over corruption, neglect of duty and felony), the CNMI has yet to fully rebuild people's trust in government and has yet to really stabilize the local utilities and healthcare systems.

If it is any consolation, residents at least have not experienced another round of rolling blackouts and the only hospital has not shut down despite going from a \$40 million annual budget to over \$1 million in government subsidy. And no work hour cuts anymore.

Maintaining a safe island environment for residents and tourists (and where no one disappears without a trace), and balancing U.S. military interests with preserving the islands' pristine environment and bringing in more foreign investments (most notable of which are casino investments from China) remain a challenge.

But then again, despite some economic gains and supposedly new administration, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has yet to see a real adequate debt payment from the government so that CUC can continue to keep the lights on and keep the water running in schools, hospitals and other public facilities.

The Inos administration's 2014 revival of a CUC board of directors has proven to cause more problems than solving them, including new sanction threats from the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency over CUC's failure to hire qualified persons to fill top posts.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. still needs more central government funding, and unnecessary wrangling among its leaders has yet to stop. Some lawmakers recently complained about lack of action on certain bills, but not on more sensible ones such as those prioritizing funds for CHC and CUC.

And what former governor Benigno R. Fitial couldn't do for years to legalize casino gaming on Saipan in the name of economic development (or so he said), among other things, Inos was able to do it barely a year after his unprecedented rise to power.

But the manner in which the Saipan Casino Law was passed and enacted remains questionable and went against promises of an open, transparent, and accountable government. (After all, it was already too late for Fitial, right before and during the impeachment process against him, to tie in the casino legalization as a new source of revenue to make sure retirees continue to get their full pension—after cutting them).

But in his first SOCA and even during his January 2015 inauguration speech, Inos made no mention of the word "casino" which was the largest revenue-generating measure that became law under his administration.

It was also a subject of litigation and other objections, and Inos at the time had to say this in his SOCA, "With all due respect to the lawyers in attendance—We cannot sue our way to prosperity. We must be proactive and seek out potential new investors."

Thankfully, there are individuals and agencies that remain vigilant and continue to hold their leaders—past and present—accountable for their actions.

A year ago, Inos was also "proud to share with each and every one of you that the State of our Commonwealth is once again experiencing true collaboration between the Executive and Legislative

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branches as well as our U.S. congressional delegate. This partnership, and with the people standing by our side, has resulted in the Commonwealth experiencing exponential growth."

It's time to revisit that "true collaboration" part because while there were forward strides, there are still a lot of things that need to get done for that real "exponential growth" to happen besides a government operating budget going from a low of \$102 million to \$145 million.

After all, Inos himself said that when he became governor, "people were questioning government integrity, doubting its honesty, and criticizing its lack of transparency. And so in order for my administration to move forward, it was important that our people could trust in their governor and their government."

The CNMI has at least seen some of its top officials convicted of crimes and wrongdoings while in power including a former governor (whose sentencing is coming up), a former lieutenant governor, a former attorney general, former senators, and former House of Representatives members.

Some admitted to violating laws, while others ought to be replaced, voted out of office, investigated and/or prosecuted as well.

'Full measure of devotion'

As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II here, we look back with profound gratitude to a generation who had endured life in the islands before, during and after the war.

It included our parents and elderly who walked the shores and hills of paradise.

Most are no longer in our midst but leave behind a legacy of resiliency—rebuilding our island communities—from the rubbles of a costly war. Gradually, they resume our traditional way of life of farming and fishing.

The war was geopolitical in nature so far removed from our simple daily lives as islanders accustomed to peace and tranquility. In fact, we were innocent bystanders in an atrocity fought by two warring giants in our backyard.

While we could conveniently claim innocence in the atrocity there's the greater and powerful message underneath the freedom we've donned since then: the lives of young men who gave it a "full measure of devotion" so that you and I could be free under the stars and stripes forever. And we are free, aren't we? It was their precious lives that freed us from an imperial government.

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In observance of this celebration there's a sense of melancholy recalling a young mother and her two boys bidding adios to daddy at his graveside one day at sunset. He died in the service of his country in Afghanistan. I get a lump in my throat whenever I think of the unbearable grief they had to endure. It was my first reality check with the real meaning of the term freedom. It isn't handed out like food stamps coupon or a word often used with redundancy in empty political speeches. It is earned with real sacrifice!

Meanwhile, my family had suffered its share of sacrifice before the war. My grandfather, Elias P. Sablan, was jailed on suspicion of working as a spy for the Americans. It's almost comical why the imprisonment. Grandpa had learned a few words in English from books bought by his uncle, a whaler, from the East Coast of the U.S. He brought them home for his nephew. I know grandpa had an extraordinary gift for language and so learning English wasn't difficult.

How timely too that Uncle Dave completed his book providing a lucid portrayal of his experience during and after the war. It's an

outstanding description of a personal journey for which I am honored to have received a signed copy. Thanks Uncle Dave!

Moreover, my late saintly mom spent the entire war in Marpi with Japanese families. She's in charge of collecting rent for the family property. She was in Garapan when the first destructive bombardment started leveling the village. There was no room to return home so she ran with families headed north. She didn't see them until after the war.

Returning to our fallen heroes, imagine the day they left family members (loved ones) behind to defend freedom throughout the world. None knew it was the last farewell. None of the kids knew it was also the last time they'd see dad. Dad never came back. They had to do without him since then. It depicts the true definition of the word "sacrifice."

Let us generously offer our thoughtful prayers to our fallen heroes and their families. It was their ultimate sacrifice taken with "full measure of devotion" that we are free today. Yes, the bells of freedom ring loudly through these isles and beyond "from sea to shining sea!" Happy 70th Anniversary Mariana! Our prayers and Si Yuus Maase'!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Blackballed and marijuana clarification

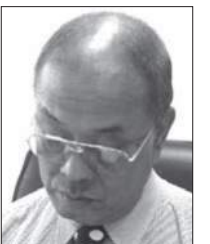
First I must thank Jun for his comment to my essay on "a CNMI Champion" and for sharing the reality of the CNMI, which inspired this letter as light truly needs to be shed on the blackball phenomenon in the CNMI. Black-balled is a sociopolitical term that identifies a person for being shunned and even prevented from becoming a member of groups like Greek organizations on college campuses and even from participating in social and political groups and events. One can also be blackballed from getting a job at a particular business and in the CNMI's case I think it is common knowledge that you can easily be blackballed from a government job by your politics.

Even though God said, vengeance is mine, there is a human weakness to seek revenge by blackballing a person or as they say locally, "make their name bad"! There have been so many people and even entire families who have been literally blackballed, especially when it comes to government jobs—for true! The CNMI is too small and too shorthanded on professionals for there to be so much blackballing going on which is why I'm shinning my little controversial light on the subject so hopefully someone will take note and do something to stop some of the blackballing.

I truly appreciate "jun" (the commenter) for agreeing and even supporting my call for a star leader and for raising a very important concern when they said "in the CNMI, being controversial would most likely get you nowhere and you would be isolate by the whole." The isolation referred to is the phenomena of being "blackballed" and it is very true and "whole" that was mentioned is the political group/party in power, not all of society. Blackballing is why family ties have continued to be a dominating factor in elections to assure that the families who are in will stay in with the next administration

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70 Años Na Selebrasion

Pa'gu na ha'ane i mina' sitienta años deste finagpu' geran dos guine. Megai gi mañaina-ta ni man-estaba antes, durante yan dispues de gera lamayot giya siha esta manhanau para i deskanson niha. Mapega lastrun niha gi inai yan hegsu' este siha na islas gi hilu' metgot na espiritun natibu umaregla tatte i destrosiau na modun linala tautau tanu'.


Solemni na okasion ni muna' hassuyu' un' palao'an yan dos lahiña gi lemem tautau 'nai madespide i patriatkan familia gi naftaña. Matai gi geran iya Afghanistan. Didog na pininite i tumaiguen asaguaña yan tatan famaguoña. Ayu na sinisede muna' komprende' haf' sustansiaña "libettat" 'sino "freedom".

I ha'anen ayu na sindalu yan otu siha ni manmatai umasegura na manlibre hit pa'gu. Tatayuyute siha yan mañainata ni uttimu na sakrifisiu para tamana' fanlibre. Hahassu siha pa'gu na ha'ane gi tinayuyot miyu. Si Yuus Maase'!

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

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TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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THURSDAY



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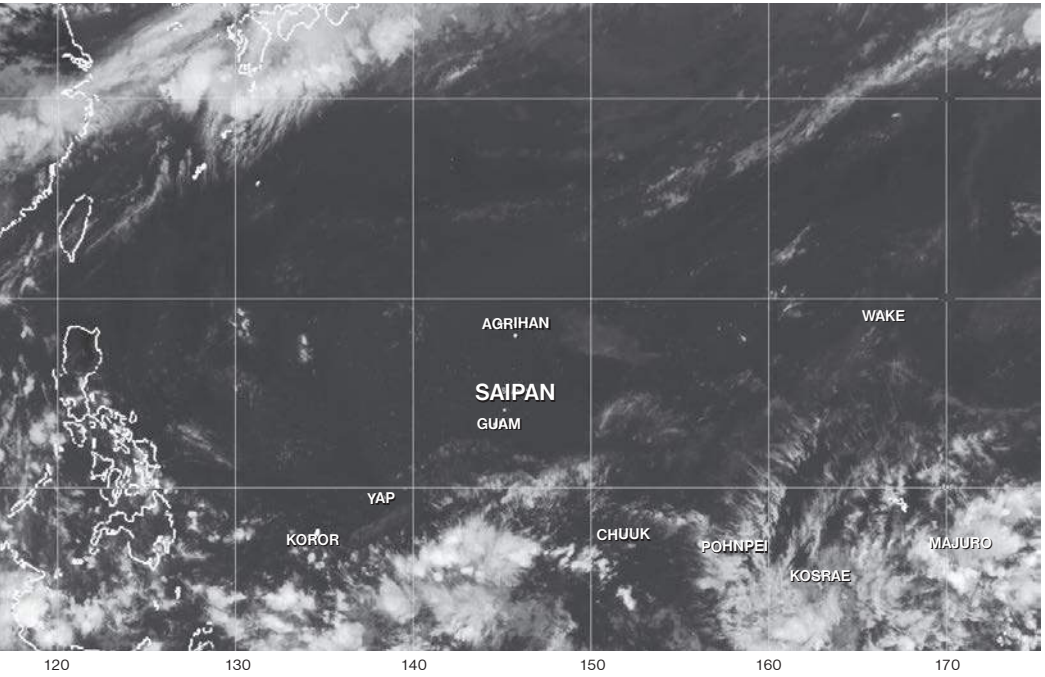
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough extends southeastward from 8N130E through a circulation southeast of Yap near 4N144E then continues southeastward through another circulation centered south of Chuuk near 3N153E to end at EQ163E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring southeast of Yap and southwest of Chuuk between 7N and the equator from 137E to 150E. Scattered showers are found southeast of Chuuk and southwest of Pohnpei between 7N and the equator from 150E to 159E farther east. Low-level convergence on the eastern end of the near-equatorial trough is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Kosrae state between 7N and the equator from 161E to 169E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands within 120 miles of a line from 3N169E to 9N175E to 8N180. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers southeast of the Marshall Islands between 5N and the equator from 176E to 180. An upper-level low centered west of Wake Island near 19N161E is generating isolated thunderstorms west of Wake Island between 22N and 17N from 161E to 165E.

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Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▲55	▼45
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲95	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89	▼82
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼50
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲84	▼63
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼78
Melbourne	Rain	▲57	▼48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼77
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲77	▼69
Osaka	Rain	▲81	▼68
Paris	Sunny	▲75	▼54
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼63
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼67
Salem	Sunny	▲85	▼50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼53
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼66
Tokyo	Rain	▲77	▼66
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲91	▼75



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Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
1:16 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
6:38 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
2:01 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.4 Feet
8:54 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
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Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	4:25 AM	5:30 PM
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3					
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UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota			UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7					
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5			UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota					
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4			UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5					
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5			UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5					
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7			UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7					
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5			UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5					
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)								
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7			UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4					
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN								
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7			UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4					
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)						PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN								
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT			DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT					
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN								
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6			DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily					
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7					
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN								
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1			7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7					
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6					
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7			OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7					
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4			OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6					
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7			7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily					
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6											
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN								
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7			OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6					
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN								
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7					
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN								
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7			MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6					
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN								
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN								
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN			DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT					
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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN					
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN					
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM			PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM					
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM			PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM					
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT			UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM					
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM			UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:45pm+1	6 via GUM					
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM			UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota					
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM					
UA5039/183	2:15pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM			UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM					
UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM					
UA5078/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM			UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM					
UA5078/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM			UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM					
UA5038/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM			UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM					
						UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:45pm+1	5 via GUM					
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN								
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN					
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN					
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM			UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM					
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM			UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:45pm+1	5, 6 via GUM					
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM			UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota					
UA5039/179	2:15pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM			UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM					
UA5078/179	3:05pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM											

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU

CLARIFICATION

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because its common knowledge in the CNMI if your family was for the looser it is going to be rough, especially if you want to work for the government.

But I was glad to hear the governor say he would change the blackballing phenomenon in the CNMI by hiring some of the hardworking people from the other political camps who are qualified and we can only hope that he was sincere as only time will tell if he will live up to his word. But the great part about being a controversial person is just like Jun said to me “you are not alone on such predicament and our lives must move on.” So one should not be afraid to be controversial and step out on faith (the size of a mustard seed) as God and supporters for change and improvement are with you, especially, if you are standing on the principles—values and morals of America, the facts and lessons of history that prove you are trying to do the right thing! But most importantly, never forget that God is in this too and with you so those who wish to blackball a person need to know they will definitely reap God’s vengeance. The thing about vengeance is that it doesn’t come when you want it to but when God is ready as vengeance is God’s and it is always best when it is served up cold and unexpected! So don’t worry about being a controversial leader because the great controversial leaders have all been immortalized in our history. So have a little faith and biba for progressive controversy as it’s a start to new beginnings and a brighter/better future! We need that great leader now more than ever before!

Marijuana update

Kaverin raised some good concerns when commenting on my efforts to push for full legalization that merit clarification. Their statement was, “I don’t think legalizing recreational use of it here is a good idea, because while MJ does not have the severe side effects of other recreational drugs, it does temporarily impair one’s ability to think or function properly while using it.” Alcohol impairs you much more than marijuana could ever do. Alcohol not only impairs your thinking skills it even throws your equilibrium off, so which is better alcohol or marijuana—it’s a simple and clear choice and this person could do us all a favor by supporting legalization and less drinking—“Smoke-Don’t Drink” is the future. They also said that, “once it’s legalized more of the local population would be constantly stoned and unproductive. Think about its potential effect on the productivity and professionalism of our residents. Do we really need more potheads?” This is a common subjective and uned-

ucated though by those against full legalization because they don’t understand the objective of full legalization which is to learn how to live with marijuana, not control people’s desire to get high which can never be achieved through criminalizing marijuana. FYI, the only potheads are those who are not educated to the fact that you are supposed to use marijuana for relaxation, socialization and functionalization purposes, not for you to walk around high all day every day. You would be surprised to learn how many professionals who must apply their thinking skills, especially lawyers, who use marijuana to stimulate their analytical thought process because of the “alpha state-of-mind” that will exist when you smoke marijuana. Most professionals who use marijuana actually use marijuana for real life purposes not just to be stoned for nothing. So please get educated about marijuana use before complaining about it.

They raised the question of “how will it affect our islands’ image when tourists see that some of their hotel staff, tour guides, store clerks are stoned? You are making the case for selling marijuana to tourists, and you are clearly not aware of a very important fact: China, Korea, and Japan all have severe laws regarding drugs, including the purchase, possession, and use of marijuana—even when done overseas.” First of all, China, Korea, and Japan have not said one word about or against marijuana legalization in America. Secondly, if there is one thing that is truly universal on planet earth it is marijuana use so there are no borders or stereotyping prejudices of smokers regardless of local laws. Finally, the commenter was also implying that every tourist who visits the CNMI and smokes could get in trouble back home as if they are going to be drug tested when they return home if we legalize but every reader should know that is absolutely ridiculous.

The CNMI will have a responsibility to establish an “amnesty box” at the airport with additional exit searches to make sure no tourist leaves the CNMI with marijuana but the reality is that tourists are going to smuggle marijuana anyway if they want to take the risk legal or not in the CNMI. So let’s be real about this and stop trying to play God over people and our planet’s natural growing herb—it was given to us to use by God and nature and no one has the right to deny mankind’s use as it is a “natural right in a state of nature” which is why most professionals, including the President, intellectuals and scholars now agree we should fully legalize marijuana and stop fighting a foolish war that can never be won.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-022

Opening Date: Thursday, June 04, 2015
Closing Date: Until filled.

Executive Director
LOCATION(S): Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: Based on credentials and specialized experience as a utility executive in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.
CONTRACT: Two-year, subject to renewal.
POSITION(S): One (1).

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-023

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Petroleum Compliance Manager
(Also known as Technical Manager for Oil)
LOCATION(S): Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: Based on credentials and specialized experience as a Petroleum Compliance Manager in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Two-year, subject to renewal.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-024

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant: Lineperson
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution Section, Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-025

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Maintenance Worker
LOCATION: Administration (Dan Dan Office), Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$14, 704.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-026

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Dispatch Operator
LOCATION: Call Center, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITION: Three (3).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-027

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Safety Compliance Technician
LOCATION: Administration, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-028

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant
LOCATION: Wastewater Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Two (2).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-029

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Administrative Assistant
LOCATION: Water Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-030

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant
LOCATION: Water Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Seven (7).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-031

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Fiscal Assistant
LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Two (2).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-032

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Fiscal Technician
LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Three (3).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-033

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Fiscal Assistant: Meter Reader
LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Six (6).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-034

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Monday, July 06, 2015

Senior Engineer: Licensed Electrical Engineer
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$48,821.00 per annum to \$82,995.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-035

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Engineer: Electrical Engineer
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$40,084.00 per annum to \$54,113.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-036

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Administrative Technician
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-037

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Technician: Meter Technician, Electrical
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Two (2).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-038

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant: Lineperson
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Seven (7).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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Rota GCA promotes K5, 8th grade students

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Rota’s Grace Christian Academy presented several accolades to its students and graduating kindergarten and 8th grade students at a recent awards and graduation ceremony, themed “encourage one another” at the end of the school year.

According to Rota GCA principal Anne Acuna the Kindergarten graduating class of seven students were all “A” honor roll academic award recipients in the major subject areas.

For the 8th grade promoting class, Acuna said that each member played an active role in student council leadership and several advertising and public relations campaigns.

“This Eighth Grade Team was a tremendous asset to our GCA school operation,” she told *Saipan Tribune*. “They received awards and recognition for teamwork, team spirit, and enthusiasm. GCA is very blessed to have had the opportunity to provide a firm foundation for these fine students as they grow and develop in their school career.”

Jelina Calvo was hailed as the kindergarten valedictorian, followed by class salutatorian Alelyah Hocog.

Victor Atalig, Danice Malaborbor, Kylee Manglona, Julius Ruiz, and Melchor Taisacan also comprised GCA’s outgoing

kindergarten class. For the 8th grade level, Rency Camacho was named as the valedictorian and Antonio Atalig II was awarded as the salutatorian.

Sir Barcinas, C.J. Ruiz, and Daniel Sasakura II also re-

ceived promotional recognition as members of the graduating class.

After presenting several other school and community awards, Acuna expressed her gratitude to the parents and families for their support in their children’s

school career. “We acknowledge all of the sacrifices made in being able to bring them to a private school. We commend all of our families for seeing their students through to the finish line in glory to God,” she said.



Members of the Grace Christian Academy K5 and 8th grade graduating class pose for a photo.

Man allegedly beats up brother over betel nut issue

An argument during a drinking session over who is the one teaching the family’s minor children to chew betel nut led to a fight between two brothers in Gualo Rai Thursday night.

As a result, Anthony Igisomar Somorang, 43, was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

A \$2,500 cash bail was imposed for Somorang’s temporary release.

Police detective Daniel T. Kintol stated in his report that two police officers responded to

a residence in Gualo Rai after a woman called about an ongoing disturbance Thursday night.

Kintol said when the officers arrived, Somorang threw away a 2-foot long wrench.

Kintol said preliminary investigation showed that Somorang and his brother along with their other siblings and in-laws were drinking beer at Somorang’s residence.

Somorang’s minor child went over to his uncle’s betel nut bag to chew betel nut. Somorang confronted his brother that he’s

the one teaching his children to chew betel nut.

The brother replied it was Somorang because the children see him chewing.

Somorang shouted and cussed at the brother, then allegedly punched and kicked him repeatedly. They pacified Somorang, but he allegedly continued his assault.

Somorang left, but a few minutes later he returned armed with a wrench. Police came and arrested him. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Larson says Finance is ‘coordinating’ with agencies on fund concerns

The Department of Finance is coordinating with other government departments regarding their concerns on funds, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said.

Larson said her department is also ready to work with government departments should they need to clarify concerns on finances.

“You always have to be careful with your budget so you don’t overspend,” Larson, in a short comment, said.

The official is apparently giving the advice to several government departments most of which are in the process of finalizing budget proposals to the government.

In the last few weeks, several of the “big” departments—including the Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, and Public School System—have presented their budget requests.

The budget hearings will be critical, because the budget requests of government departments exceeded the \$145.8-million proposed budget by \$38 million.

Meeting request

In May, the Commonwealth

Casino Commission said it will be seeking a review of its finances as it continues to hire more personnel in preparation for the opening of a casino in Garapan. The regulatory body is being funded by the non-refundable, exclusive casino license application fee set by the government.

The commission’s budget is not included in the CNMI government’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2016.

Since the initial budget from the license fees is not replenishing itself, the commission is also requesting additional funding of \$2.6 million.

Commissioner Joseph Reyes said there is a need for the casino commission to “clear up” its current finances with the Department of Finance.


He told his fellow commissioners that the body needs to check if there are “obligations” and that the regulators need to “move forward.”

The commission did not disclose how much of its initial \$2 million budget is still available.

In its latest meeting this month, the commission has yet to set up the meeting with the Finance department. *(Joel Pinaroc)*



Larson



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-003

Repair and Renovation of Basketball Court District 3 Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dig. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Repair and Renovation of Basketball Court District 3 Chalan Kanoa**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 19, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 08, 2015, 9:00 a.m.** local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 17, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-15-IFB-003"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 21, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 30, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 03, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. local time, on **July 21, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
- US Gov't Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-004

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pathway Lightings, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dig. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids from qualified General or Electrical Contractors for the **Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pathway Lightings**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 19, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 08, 2015, 9:00 a.m.** local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A **mandatory site visit will follow immediately after the pre-bid conference with the contracting office.** The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 17, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

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Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-15-IFB-004"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 21, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 30, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

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By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**
CORRESPONDENT

Author's note: Saipan Tribune will be featuring leading women in higher education every week in its newest 10-part series, *Women In The Know*. Last week, we featured Johora Paeda, who graduated in May with her Masters in School Counseling from Northern Kentucky University. This week's *Woman in the Know* is Roberta Kay Guerrero.

Roberta Kay Guerrero graduated in May from University of California, Berkeley, considered the most prestigious public university in the country, with a B.A in English Literature and Composition. The 62-year-old's path in higher education might be considered unorthodox to

some, but Guerrero never let that thought hamper her burgeoning desire to immerse herself in the works of literary geniuses such as Milton, Chaucer, Spencer, Alexander Pope, and Wordsworth. "The list does on and on," she added. "The studies of literature that spanned four centuries gave me an insight into the human spirit and that the imagination that is an open slate for creativity." Guerrero attended St. Rose Catholic grade school in Crofton, Nebraska, and graduated from Crofton Public High School in 1971. She graduated from Chabot College in Hayward, California with an A.A. in Theater Arts in 2012 before going to UC Berkeley. She told *Saipan Tribune* that the decision to pursue higher

WOMEN IN THE KNOW:

Roberta Kay Guerrero



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
62-year-old Roberta Guerrero is all smiles during her graduation at University of California, Berkeley in May.

Authority, Off the Beaten Path, and Friends of the Arts.

Reaching higher in education
Guerrero is taking the extra mile in academia and is currently studying to earn her Masters of English at the California State University East Bay. Guerrero plans to return to the island after completing her studies and instill a passion for creative writing in young college-bound students. She hopes all island youth understand the power of a college education. "Education opens up the world to a way of thinking that expands the imagination and an understanding of humanity." She urges them to live their dreams, expand their horizons, and be diligent. Guerrero noted that she believes that opportunities at the Northern Marianas College can adequately prepare students to advance toward transferring to four-year programs as well. "There will be days when you really miss your home and your families, the work will be hard and rigorous, and there may be times when you just want to wrap yourself in a cocoon and give it up," she said. "Remember always that from that cocoon emerges a beautiful, new beginning. The rewards far outnumber the struggles, so never give up."

Man arrested for kicking car at poker arcade


Police arrested a 25-year-old man for allegedly kicking a car parked at a poker arcade in Sadog Tasi on Tuesday night. Omar R. Nawaz was arrested for criminal mischief and disturbing the peace. A \$500 cash was initially imposed for his temporary release. Police detective Jason Tar-kong stated in his report that a police sergeant responded to Capitol Poker on Tuesday after a Chinese man sought police's help. The complainant informed the police sergeant that Nawaz

kicked his car and fled the area. At 8:21pm, another police officer spotted Nawaz, who matched the description about the suspect, at Prince Hotel in Sadog Tasi. Nawaz was handcuffed and taken into custody. The officer drove Nawaz to Capitol Poker, where the complainant identified him as the person who kicked his 2003 silver Toyota Corolla sedan. The report did not indicate the extent of damage to the vehicle. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*


education later in life was influenced by a mentor at Chabot College. It was then, she said, "I set my aim high and applied." Her dream to attend an institution of higher learning was solidified when her children completed their college educations and started raising their families. "I knew it was time to realize my dream of going to college. I had no SAT scores, and I thought my high school transcripts had already turned to dust," she added. "...I discov-

ered that I loved academia, and although I felt a bit insecure, wondering how I could possibly be accepted for a Bachelor of Arts program, I wrote an essay that qualified me for a scholarship. UC Berkeley liked what I wrote, and I got accepted as an upper-division student there for the Spring Semester of 2013." Before investing her time and energy in a college education, Guerrero enjoyed life on the island. After arriving on Saipan in 1973 as a young

bride, she instantaneously fell in love with the island. "I was captivated by the culture and adapted quickly by learning to speak Chamorro," she explained. "I spent the next several decades raising my children, working in family-owned business ventures including Herman's Modern Bakery and MITA Travel." Guerrero was also heavily involved in community volunteerism. She served as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, Marianas Visitors



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-006

Repair and Maintenance of Children's Park in Precinct 5, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **the Repair and Maintenance of Children's Park in Precinct 5**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 19, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 08, 2015**, 2:00 p.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 17, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-15-IFB-006**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time July 21, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@optcom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 21, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 30, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Sixty (60) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;


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/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-15-018

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION ANNUAL MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified entities for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups".

Prospective Bidders must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-018, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 16, 2015**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. *A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with the copy of the submission.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bid. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract(s) is contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Board of Director's (BOD) approval. The contract(s) will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 29, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Keeping up with the Joneses

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Billy and Joylynn Jones first visited Saipan in March of 1998 with a Chinese Church to help start a new private school here. As parents frequently traveling the world for vacation or missions trips, settling on Saipan was never even thought of.

"We kind of have a complicated, crazy life," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

» Family establishes community church in Kagman III

Now, after one year of residing on island, the 38-year-old mother of three said that she and her family "love the people, beauty of the island, and its location."

Despite the exorbitant prices or lack there of of basic commodities on island, she said the hardest part of living in the

Marianas is saying goodbye to the many people who leave it.

But Joylyn says they won't be going anywhere soon "until God shows us He wants us to do something else."

The calm island life that the Jones live now followed a plethora of trips around the nation.

Joy, as she is fondly called by her children, grew up in Vermont and went to college in Southern Carolina, eventually moving to North Carolina for

one year in the early "2000s." Later, the family moved to Charleston, South Carolina from 2001 to 2005.

The Jones family made another move in 2006 to Manning, South Carolina, where her husband, Billy, took his first pastorate.

In October of 2007, the family matriculated to Santa Barbara, California. They returned to Vermont in 2008 to assist in the revitalization of a 200-year-old church that was comprised

of just 12 members.

The Joneses traveled internationally as well. From Taiwan to Shanghai and Hong Kong to England, the family finally found another home on Saipan last May and continued their life's work by establishing a church in Kagman village.

While enjoying the island's pristine beaches and warm weather, Billy works as a pastor at Church 360 and the new Kagman Community Church as well as a full-time pilot at STAR Marianas. Joy home schools her three teenage children, Rose, Esther, and William, while working to run the newly established community church.

Much of the family's adventures can be viewed on Youtube under the channel "Keeping Up with the Joneses Saipan"

"We did this to let friends and the family back in the States see what our life is like here in

Saipan," she said. "We have also found it is a great resource to those moving to Saipan and trying to find out information about the island."

Joy noted that the videos are meant to be educational for schools and other homeschoolers so that they can learn more about the island way of life.

She added, "Unfortunately our lives have been very busy this semester, and we have not had any new videos. We are hoping to produce more this summer. Video topics range from geography to culture to weather and more."

Currently, Joy and her daughter, Rose, are traveling to Dallas, Texas as a part of the CNMI's National Speech and Debate Association team. They will also be traveling to Nebraska as Rose will represent the island as a member of the International Thespians Society.

UOG names Santos dean of School of Business and Public Administration

After a nationwide and international search, the University of Guam has appointed Dr. Annette Taijeron Santos as the new dean of the School of Business and Public Administration (SBPA).

Dr. Santos holds a Doctor of Business Administration in Strategic Management from Alliant International University and a Master of Business Administration degree and Psychology degree from the University of Guam. She has served in many leadership capacities such as president of e-Rotary Club of Pago Bay Guam, past president-elect of Soroptimist International of the Marianas, President of Local First, Guam, a member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce Small Business Focus and Development Committee, and 2014 member of the U.S. Scholar Delegation to the Republic of China-Taiwan.

Dr. Santos most recently

served as Interim Dean for SBPA and has 20 years of combined faculty and administrator experience in higher education. Dr. Santos brings with her expertise in strategic management, a focus on student success, research in entrepreneurial innovations and positive engagement with business, government, community and not-for-profit sectors.

According to senior vice president and acting president Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, "Dr. Santos' strengths are a culmination of unique intellect and innate passion that are critical to the success of a high producing professional school. She serves as a role model not only for current students and alumni, but also for prospective students. I am excited about her strategic vision as a more permanent member of my cabinet, chartering innovative pursuits that will align well with UOG's engagement and contributions to the public good." (*UOG*)

Search for missing diver ends after body recovered near Nawilliwilli

HONOLULU—The U.S. Coast Guard's search for a missing diver ended when a body was located 23 miles southeast of Nawilliwilli, Friday.

A commercial tug transiting from Kauai to Oahu noticed a strobe light at 5:20 a.m. Friday, which was attached to JJ Jackson's bouyancy control device. Jackson was not with the equipment. The location of the dive gear prompted a redirection of assets into a new search area.

At 1:17 p.m., a body fitting the description of Jackson was recovered by a 45-foot Response Boat-Medium crew from Coast Guard Station Kauai and transported to Nawilliwilli Harbor. The body was turned over to city officials and positive identification is pending.

Assets that participated in the 4-day search were Coast Guard

Cutters Kittiwake and Galveston Island, Response Boat-Medium crews from Station Kauai and Station Honolulu, MH-65 Dolphin helicopter and HC-130 Hercules airplane crews from Air Station Barbers Point. A Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel also assisted in addition to crews from the Honolulu Fire Department.

On-scene assets completed 62 sorties, searched a total of 7,292 square miles and deployed two self-locating datum marker buoys.

Watchstanders at Sector Honolulu Command Center received notification from one of the divers reporting an overdue 50-year-old male at 10:30 p.m. Jackson was last seen Monday at 8:15 p.m. approximately one mile off Makaha Beach Park. (*USCG*)

'Samoan Exile' presentations this week

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council cordially invites the public to attend two presentations which are a part of its "Samoan Exiles on Saipan" program.

The first presentation, on Thursday June 18, will feature Dr. Malama Meleisea who will discuss the Mau a Pule, the indigenous Samoan resistance movement which was led by the orator chief Lauaki Namulau'ulu Mamoe.

Lauaki and nine other chiefs were subsequently exiled to Saipan in 1909 by the German colonial administration for their involvement in the Mau. They lived on Saipan for six years before being allowed to return home in 1915.

The second presentation on Friday June 19, will be given

by Faautu Talapusi. Her talk will focus on the youngest of the exiled chiefs, Iga Pisa, who gained fame by undertaking a 120-mile voyage from Saipan to Guam in a traditional Samoan paddling canoe.

Both presentations will be held from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Visitors Center Theater, American Memorial Park.

Meleisea is the director of the Center for Samoan Studies at the National University of Samoa. He has authored several books on Samoan history including "The Making of

Modern Samoa." Meleisea has also held senior positions at Auckland University, the University of Canterbury, and UNESCO.

Talapusi has conducted extensive research on her great-grandfather Iga Pisa, including collecting oral histories related by her family. She was born in England, grew up in Fiji, France, Samoa and Switzerland and studied in the U.S. Talapusi worked for development organizations in Switzerland for nine years before moving back to Samoa.



Talapusi



Meleisea

Parents of HS graduates invited to NMC Parent Summit

The Northern Marianas College is inviting parents of graduating high school seniors from CNMI high schools to its annual Parent Summit event.

The aim of the Parent Summit is to engage parents with practical information and resources to help their graduating senior prepare for and succeed in college. Topics of the summit include: "the value of a college education," "paying for college," "how to be a supportive parent," and more.

According to Leo Pange-

linan, dean of Student Services, attendance at the Parent Summits is a great way for parents to learn how to become meaningfully involved in their children's pursuit of higher education.

"Participants will also gain strategies for how to provide encouragement, particularly about academic issues related to their college-going children," Pangelinan added. "There will also be discussions about the many resources that are available for college students."

The Summits will be held on the following days:

■ Saipan July 11, 8:30am-1pm Saipan World Resort.

■ Tinian June 20, 2:30pm-7:30pm Dynasty

■ Rota June 20, 8am to 1:00pm Bayview Hotel

Lunch/dinner will be served.

There is no fee to attend these events and all parents or guardians of graduating high school seniors from either public or private schools is welcome to attend. Participants will be accommodated on a first-come

Both presentations are open to the public and free of charge.

The program also includes the dedication of two interpretive signs; one north of Lower Base at the site of the former Samoan village and a second at Unai Agingan (Coral Ocean Point) from which Iga Pisa set out on his canoe voyage to Guam.

The signs will be dedicated on the mornings of the June 18 (Lower Base) and June 19 (Unai Agingan) beginning at 9am.

The program will culminate with a special ceremony hosted by Saipan's Samoan community on Saturday, June 20 at the Carolinian Utt beginning at 10am.

For more information, please contact council staff at 235-4787 or visit the Council's website at www.northernmarian-ashumanities.org. (*PR*)

first-serve basis. Seats are limited and we ask that interested individuals who may need special accommodations contact the Office of Admissions and Records.

The Parent Summits are supported by the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service and College Access Challenge Grant program. For more information, please contact of NMC Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 ext. 6768 or 6770. (*NMC*)

Business

A look at Murdoch boys' club: Who's in and out

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP BUSINESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sibling rivalries. A quest for power. An affair. A scandal. The turbulent lives of 84-year-old billionaire Rupert Murdoch and his heirs returned to the spotlight this week as the aging magnate took steps to hand over control of the media empire he built nearly from scratch.

The Murdoch family—whose assets include The Wall Street Journal, Fox News and the 20th Century Fox movie studio—in some places garners the type of paparazzi coverage its global outlets have bestowed on royals.

But unlike with royals, in the Murdoch family, the eldest child's inheritance is never ensured.

Once it was Lachlan, then it was James, and now both seem to be positioned to soon control the media behemoth that split into two separate entertainment and publishing companies two years ago: News Corp. and 21st Century Fox.

And in the wings operates spurned daughter Elisabeth, whose independent voice and fortune have made her one of London's top socialites and a media power in her own right.

"Between who's on top and who's arriving and who's departing - that's always changing," says Michael Wolff, a Murdoch biographer and author of "The Man Who Owns The News: Inside the Secret World of Rupert Murdoch." "But because you remain a Murdoch, you are always in the mix."

The latest twist in the family drama came Thursday with news that James Murdoch, the 42-year-old second son, would take over as CEO of Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., leapfrogging 43-year-old first son Lachlan in the line of succession. According to a person with direct knowledge of the matter, Lachlan would become co-executive chairman, his father executive chairman—while keeping his direct report from Fox News CEO Roger Ailes. The person spoke on condition of anonymity and wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

The appointment, expected to be confirmed at a board meeting in the coming weeks, creates "an enormous amount of complexity," Needham & Co. stock analyst Laura Martin said.

While the bake-off isn't over, it's clear the males in the family are in line for control. "This cements the complete exclusion of Elisabeth from the gig, as well as Prudence," said Claire Enders, a media and telecoms analyst and founder of London-based Enders Analysis Ltd. "This is basically a typical patriarchal succession."

Here's a look at who's in and who's out at 21st Century Fox and its sister publishing company, News Corp.:

IN

James Murdoch, incoming CEO of 21st Century Fox. Formerly chief executive of News Corp.'s international operations, James is credited with helping expand the Sky satellite TV brand to Italy and Germany, stakes later sold for \$9.3 billion. Briefly in charge of British newspapers, James was tainted by the phone hacking scandal that forced the closure of the tabloid News of the World in 2011. British media regulator Ofcom questioned his competence, saying his failure to act was "difficult to comprehend and ill-judged." In 2012, he resigned as chair of London-based satellite broadcaster BSkyB to distance it from the scandal. He relocated to New York and was named co-chief operating officer of 21st Century Fox in March 2014.

Lachlan Murdoch, incoming co-executive chairman of 21st Century Fox. One-time executive director at News Corp. and deputy chief operating officer in 2000. He made a notoriously bad investment in Australian telecommunications company called One.Tel, which subsequently collapsed, losing hundreds of millions. But an investment in Australian online real estate company REA Group in 2000, reportedly worth \$11 million, ballooned. The value



Murdoch

of News' stake is \$3.1 billion today. Lachlan abruptly left News Corp. in 2005 after reportedly clashing with his father. In one telling, executives went over Lachlan's head, "and, very foolishly, Rupert Murdoch didn't

back his son up," said David McKnight, author of "Rupert Murdoch: An Investigation of Political Power." Returned to the fold in March 2014 when he was named non-executive co-chairman of Fox and News Corp.



OUT

Elisabeth Murdoch, 46, angel investor in media and technology startups. In 2001, she founded Shine Group, a TV production company that made shows like "The Biggest Loser" and "MasterChef." She sold Shine to News Corp. for around \$600 million in 2011, triggering shareholder lawsuits that accused Rupert Murdoch of nepotism. She later told a Guardian newspaper media event she had "no ambition" for the top job.

Prudence MacLeod, Murdoch's first child, born in 1958. She's married to Alasdair MacLeod, a former News Corp. executive in Britain and Australia, but otherwise has little to do with the media companies. However, she shares with James, Lachlan and Elisabeth a single vote in the family trust that will own 38.4 percent of voting shares in both News Corp. and Fox upon Rupert Murdoch's death.

Grace, 13, and Chloe, 11, are the children of Rupert Murdoch and his third ex-wife Wendi Deng. The couple divorced in 2013 amid high-profile reports of her alleged affairs with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Google executive chairman Eric Schmidt, including a diary entry obtained by Vanity Fair last year in which she pined over Blair's "good body." Deng reportedly clashed with Murdoch over her children's inheritance, which amounts to nearly 11 million non-voting shares in the two media companies.

US wholesale prices jump in May, led by eggs, gasoline

WASHINGTON (AP)—Prices at the wholesale level rose at the fastest pace in nearly 3 years in May, pushed higher by a sharp jump in the cost of gasoline and a record increase in the price eggs related to an outbreak of avian influenza. But outside of increases in volatile food and energy costs, core inflation remained moderate.

The producer price index, which measures inflation pressures before they reach consumers, spiked 0.5 percent in May, the

Labor Department reported Friday. It was the biggest one-month increase since September 2012. The increase followed a 0.4 percent drop in wholesale prices in April. The May increase reflected a 17 percent rise in gasoline prices, the biggest hike since August 2009, and a record 56.4 percent surge in egg prices.

Core prices, which exclude energy and food, rose just 0.1 percent in May.

Over the past 12 months,

wholesale prices are down 1.1 percent, reflecting big declines in energy prices over the past year. Core inflation is up a modest 0.6 percent over the same 12-month period.

Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at MFR Inc., said that inflation pressures should remain modest in coming months, given weakness in the global economy and a stronger dollar, which lowers the price of imports for Americans.

Nation

NY rural residents on edge as search for 2 killers continues

DANNEMORA, N.Y. (AP)—Residents in rural New York, unaccustomed to locking their doors, day or night, were on edge as the massive manhunt for two killers stretched into a ninth day and the two men remained on the loose after cutting themselves out of a maximum-security prison with power tools.

More than 800 law enforcement officers in the hunt for David Sweat and Richard Matt scoured the fields and Adirondack woods several miles around the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora near the Canadian border.

State police remained stationed late Saturday at intervals everywhere in the wooded search area, which came alive with the loud chirps of crickets and frogs. Along Route 3, a two-lane highway south of Dannemora that abuts the Saranac River, a series of lights illuminated both the roadway and fields where earlier hundreds of officers had conducted more grid searches.

With several hundred tips to check out, police said they had no new leads by the end of the day Saturday. Their heavily armed presence in the rural landscape has become both reassuring and unsettling to local residents.

"I just mowed some fields and I kept looking over my shoulder. It's scary," said Jason Hamel, who lives with his wife and three young daughters in West Chazy five minutes from one of the many roadblocks set up in the manhunt. "I won't let the kids outside."

"My wife and I love to be outdoors," he added. "We haven't done any of that, and when we do go outside now, we're armed."

Officials say deeply personal information in hackers' hands

WASHINGTON (AP)—Deeply personal information submitted by U.S. intelligence and military personnel for security clearances—mental illnesses, drug and alcohol use, past arrests, bankruptcies and more—is in the hands of hackers linked to China, officials say.

In describing a cyberbreach of federal records dramatically worse than first acknowledged, authorities point to Standard Form 86, which applicants are required to complete. Applicants also must list contacts and relatives, potentially exposing any foreign relatives of U.S. intelligence employees to coercion. Both the applicant's



A law enforcement officer's weapon is muddied while searching two prisoners who escaped from the Clinton Correctional Facility, Saturday, June 13, 2015, in Saranac, N.Y.

Social Security number and that of his or her cohabitant are required.

In a statement, the White House said that on June 8, investigators concluded there was "a high degree of confidence that ... systems containing information related to the background investigations of current, former and prospective federal government employees, and those for whom a federal background investigation was conducted, may have been exfiltrated."

"This tells the Chinese the identities of almost everybody who has got a United States security clearance," said Joel Brenner, a former top U.S. counterintelligence

official. "That makes it very hard for any of those people to function as an intelligence officer. The database also tells the Chinese an enormous amount of information about almost everyone with a security clearance. That's a gold mine. It helps you approach and recruit spies."

The Office of Personnel Management, which was the target of the hack, did not respond to requests for comment. OPM spokesman Samuel Schumach and Jackie Koszczuk, the director of communications, have consistently said there was no evidence that security clearance information had been compromised.

ACROSS THE NATION

Clinton kicks off 2016 bid, embracing chance to make history

NEW YORK (AP)—Hillary Rodham Clinton formally kicked off her presidential campaign on Saturday with an enthusiastic embrace of her potential to become the first woman to win the White House, asking supporters gathered at an outdoor rally to join her in building an America "where we don't leave anyone out, or anyone behind." With the downtown New York skyline and new World Trade Center over her shoulder, Clinton offered herself as a fierce advocate for those still struggling from the Great Recession. She promised to carry on the liberal legacies

of President Barack Obama, and former Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Bill Clinton, her husband, saying "real and lasting prosperity must be built by all and shared by all."

Suspect in brazen attack on Dallas police building killed

DALLAS (AP)—A man planted pipe bombs outside Dallas police headquarters and sprayed the building with bullets during a wild street battle early Saturday that authorities said miraculously left no one dead or injured except the suspect, who was later shot and killed in his van by a police sniper. Dallas Police Chief David Brown said the suspect

identified himself to authorities as James Boulware, and he blamed police for having lost custody of his son and for "accusing him of being a terrorist." But authorities declined to officially identify the suspect until a medical examiner verified it. Police arrived at the home of Boulware's father as an Associated Press reporter was there later on Saturday and began questioning the elder Boulware, also named James. According to police, the suspect opened fire on the building from his parked van. Bullets pierced the glass at the entrance and caused damage inside, including at the front desk, where the worker on duty had just gone to get a soft drink.

Asia

Palau burns Vietnamese boats caught poaching

TOKYO (AP)—The tiny Pacific nation of Palau, fighting a rising tide of illegal fishing in its waters, has set fire to four boats belonging to Vietnamese caught poaching sea cucumbers and other marine life in its waters.

Palau's president, Tommy Remengesau Jr., said the boats were burned Friday morning. He hopes to turn most of the island nation's territorial waters into a national marine sanctuary, banning commercial fishing and exports apart from limited areas to be used by domestic fishermen and tourists.

"We wanted to send a very strong message. We will not tolerate any more these pirates who come and steal our resources," Remengesau said in a phone interview with The Associated Press from Washington, D.C., where he was visiting.

The country created the world's first shark sanctuary in 2009, but until recently had only one patrol boat to help protect its great hammerheads, leopard sharks and more than 130 other species of shark and rays fight-



Columns of black smoke rise from four Vietnamese boats in the waters off Palau Friday, June 12, 2015.

ing extinction.

The four boats destroyed Friday were among 15 Palau authorities have caught fishing illegally in their waters since last year with loads of sharks and shark fins, lobsters, sea cucumbers and reef fish. Several of the boats that it seized, stripped of their fishing gear, are due to carry 77 crew members of the boats back to Vietnam.

Remengesau said that the stream of poachers showed that just stripping the rogue boats of

their nets and confiscating their catches was not enough.

"I think it's necessary to burn the boats," he said.

Palau, about 600 miles (970 kilometers) miles east of the Philippines, is one of the world's smallest countries, its 20,000 people scattered across a tropical archipelago of 250 islands that is considered a biodiversity hotspot. In 2012, its Rock Islands Southern Lagoon was named a UNESCO World Heritage site.

PH airs program about sea disputes with China

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government broadcast a television program on Friday aimed at boosting public opposition to China's increasingly assertive moves to press its territorial claims in the disputed South China Sea.

The broadcast of the first episode of a three-part series, titled "Freedom," on the state-run TV network coincided with the Philippines' independence day.

The 22-minute video, which was also posted on government websites, focuses on the economic impact of China's actions, including its 2012 seizure of a disputed shoal where

Chinese coast guard ships have chased away Filipino fishermen.

The broadcast reflects increased enmity among claimants in the South China Sea, which Beijing claims virtually in its entirety. The U.S. military has increased surveillance flights over the waters to reassure allies territorially at odds with Beijing.

Rising military deployments in the disputed region have heightened fears of possible confrontations and accidental clashes that could escalate into a major conflict.

Also Friday, about 200 left-wing and nationalist protesters staged rallies at the Chinese

Consulate and the U.S. Embassy in Manila to condemn Beijing's actions, including the construction of artificial islands in the disputed Spratly Islands, and oppose what they called U.S. intervention in the dispute.

Waving red flags and holding placards that read, "U.S.-China, hands off the Philippines," the protesters called on Filipinos to join efforts to defend the country's sovereignty and territory.

"These two powerful countries are increasingly conniving and challenging each other in their quest for dominance in the Asia-Pacific region," the protesters said in a statement.

that 12 of 454 people on board lived, down by two from the previously reported figure, a state broadcaster said Saturday. China Central Television did not explain why the number of survivors from China's deadliest boat disaster in decades had been revised. It said each of the 454 people aboard the Eastern Star has been accounted for. There were 403 tourists, five tourism agency workers and 46 crew members on board when the boat capsized June 1 during a cruise on the Yangtze River.

12-year-old suspected of fatally poisoning 2 girls in China

BEIJING (AP)—A 12-year-old boy was identified as the prime suspect in the fatal poisoning of two sisters in rural southern China, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Saturday. It was the second tragedy of the week to raise concerns over the well-being of rural Chinese children. The boy told police in Hunan province that the girls, aged 8 and 14, drank cola that he had laced with poison, Xinhua said. The girls died on Wednesday. Xinhua said the suspect was familiar with the victims, but the news agency did not identify him.

World

Thousands flee as Syrian Kurds nearing IS border stronghold

AKCAKALE, Turkey (AP)—Hundreds of Syrian refugees poured into a Turkish-Syrian border crossing Saturday, fleeing intense fighting as Syrian Kurds closed in on an Islamic State-held town—the only passageway linking Turkey with the extremist group's stronghold of Raqqa.

Some 13,000 refugees have already crossed into Turkey in the last 10 days, according to the Turkish Foreign Ministry. Hundreds more could be seen Saturday on the Syrian side of the Akcakale border crossing, waiting to cross into Turkey.

A statement by the main Syrian Kurdish fighting force, known as the YPG, said its fighters have encircled the Islamic State-held town of Suluk, a few kilometers (miles) southwest of the strategically important town of Tal Abyad.

It said IS militants have "lost control" over Suluk and Kurdish forces were advancing toward Tal Abyad. It also said

the road linking Tal Abyad with Raqqa was under YPG control. The report could not be immediately confirmed. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the Kurds were less than 10 kilometers (six miles) away from Tal Abyad.

The loss of Tal Abyad would be a major blow to the IS group.

The border town is a major avenue for commerce for the extremist group—through which it smuggles in foreign fighters and sells black-market oil. The city is also a key link between Turkey and the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, the de-facto capital of the Islamic State group's self-declared caliphate.

In Syria, a country now split mostly between Islamic militants and forces loyal to President Bashar Assad, the U.S. has found a reliable partner in the country's strongest Kurdish militia, the YPG. They

are moderate, mostly secular fighters, driven by revolutionary fervor and deep conviction in their cause.

Since the beginning of May, they have wrested back more than 200 Kurdish and Christian towns in northeastern Syria, as well as strategic mountains seized earlier by the IS group. They have recently pushed into Raqqa province, a stronghold of the Islamic State group. Along the way, they have picked up ammunition, weapons and vehicles left behind by the jihadis.

At the Akcakale border crossing, an Associated Press team witnessed hundreds of Syrians, many of them with suitcases and other belongings, standing on the other side. At one point, a group of armed, masked men—likely IS militants—approached them and ordered them to return to the town. Fearful, many of them turned back, only to return after about 15 minutes.

Facing 'peacekeeper babies,' UN now offers DNA testing

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. peacekeepers arrive; months later, some leave infants behind. Now the United Nations has quietly started to offer DNA testing to help prove paternity claims and ensure support for the so-called "peacekeeper babies."

It's a delicate step, as countries that contribute U.N. troops might not welcome a practice that could prove not only fatherhood but wrongdoing. Of the dozen paternity claims received last year, four were associated with alleged sexual abuse of a minor.

The new effort comes a decade after a groundbreaking report on sexual abuse and exploitation by peacekeepers suggested that the U.N. secretary-general be authorized to "require DNA and other

tests to establish paternity" so peacekeepers would be pressured to support the children they "father and abandon."

Many of the children are in a desperate financial situation, said the report by Zeid Raad al-Hussein, now the U.N.'s human rights chief and a former peacekeeper himself.

No one knows how many children have been fathered by U.N. peacekeepers over the decades in some of the world's most troubled places. About 125,000 peacekeepers are deployed in 16 locations, almost all in Africa or the Middle East. Sexual abuse and exploitation remains a problem, with little support available for victims.

While the U.N. has worked with member states before on paternity claims, it only started offering a DNA collection pro-

ocol, and testing kits, last year.

But it doesn't go as far as the action urged by a U.N.-commissioned report that was leaked publicly this spring. A "DNA data bank for all troops would be the most foolproof method" for tackling paternity claims, it said.

Instead, the U.N., which has no standing army, is allowing troop-contributing countries to decide how much of an effort to make to pursue paternity claims.

It began with a cable that the peacekeeping office sent to its missions in January 2014. A U.N. report obtained this month by The Associated Press described the cable as offering "guidance on assistance in instances of paternity claims involving current or former members of peacekeeping missions in terms of DNA testing."

Italy struggles to accommodate migrants as borders tighten

MILAN (AP)—Officials in Milan and Rome were forced to take emergency measures Saturday to accommodate the influx of migrants rescued at sea who have been sleeping in train stations after Italy's neighbors tightened their border controls, preventing many from continuing their intended journeys to northern Europe.

Officials closed a migrant reception area overlooking the Milan train station's main entrance hall where hundreds have been sleeping this week amid increasing health and sanitation concerns. And in Rome officials began setting

up tents with 150 beds outside the Tiburtina station where police had removed hundreds of migrants earlier in the week.

French police have been blocking the border with Italy for the last two days, and the French Interior Ministry said it had reinforced border controls over the last few weeks due to an influx of migrants. Meanwhile, the Austrian Interior Ministry has increased its border surveillance after neighboring Germany initiated border stops for the recent G-7 summit of industrialized nations and the international Bilderberg conference this

weekend in Bavaria.

Gemma Azuni, a Rome city official, told The Associated Press the border closures are causing many problems.

"All stations are crowded with people who are not receiving sufficient help," she said.

In Milan, authorities overnight cleared the main station's mezzanine area, where migrants have been received for the last 20 months within an arm's length of passing tourists and commuters. While beds were found for those inside, 150 migrants still slept outside the station, according to the Progetto Arca charity.

ASIAN BRIEFS

US woman attempting to row across Pacific rescued

TOKYO (AP)—A U.S. woman attempting to cross the Pacific by rowboat has ended her solo attempt because of expected bad weather. Sonya Baumstein was rescued off the Japanese coast on Saturday after sending out a distress signal, Kyodo news agency reported on Sunday. The 30-year-old Baumstein departed from Choshi, Japan, one week ago, hoping to become the first woman to row solo across the Pacific. She was headed for San Francisco but sent out the signal on Saturday around 2:20 p.m. about 250 kilometers (155 miles) off the coast of Japan. A freighter traveling nearby rescued her at around 5 p.m. (0800 GMT) Saturday and passed her on to a coast guard ship around 8:55 p.m. (1155 GMT), the Japanese coast guard said. Baumstein was hoping to finish the 6,000-mile (9,600-kilometer) journey by late September.

China revises boat sinking survivors to 12, down from 14

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese authorities slightly revised the number of people who survived when a river cruise ship capsized this month, saying

Health & Fitness

WHO: MERS not spreading outside S. Korea hospitals

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The MERS virus in South Korea, which has killed 14 people and infected nearly 140 in the largest outbreak outside the Middle East, hasn't spread outside hospitals among the wider community or become easier to transmit between humans, the World Health Organization said.

After a weeklong review of the outbreak of Middle East respiratory syndrome, experts from WHO and South Korea told reporters Saturday there was no evidence to suggest the virus, currently confined around health facilities, is spreading. It has been occurring among hospital patients, visiting family members and medical staff.

Overcrowded emergency rooms and hospital wards might have contributed to a wider-than-expected transmission of the virus, which usually spreads poorly between people, said WHO Assistant Director Keiji Fukuda.

South Korea's habits of "doctor shopping"—visiting multiple facilities to treat the same infection—and having many friends and family members visiting hospitalized patients also might have contributed, he said.

The continued discovery of new cases—including 12 on Saturday—has created an im-



A South Korean official, left, uses a thermal camera to check the body temperature of a driver as a precaution against Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) after he returning from the North Korean city of Kaesong, at the customs, immigration and quarantine gate in Paju, South Korea, near the border village of Panmunjom, South Korea, Saturday, June 13, 2015.

ed," he said.

The virus has spread at a pattern similar to previous outbreaks in the Middle East, and the sequencing studies of samples from South Korea show no signs that the virus has increased its ability to transmit between humans, he said.

While the infections seem to be stagnating, Fukuda called on the South Korean government to continue with strong control measures, including tracing patients' contacts and preventing suspected cases from traveling.

The outbreak of the poorly understood disease, which has no vaccine and had a mortality rate as high as 40 percent, has caused widespread fear in South Korea and criticism that health workers and the government failed to initially recognize and quickly contain it.

A 67-year-old woman who had been combating thyroid problems and high blood pressure before she was diagnosed with MERS became South Korea's 14th and latest fatality, the Health Ministry said.

Nearly 140 people have been diagnosed with MERS since last month. Among those infected, 16 are in serious condition, said Jeong Eun-kyeong, a senior official from the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About 2,900 schools and kindergartens remained closed and more than 4,000 people isolated after possible contact with those infected, the Health Ministry said.

Two hospitals, including one in Seoul, also were temporarily shut down after MERS patients were found to have had contact with hundreds of people at the two facilities before they were diagnosed.

Experts think MERS can spread in respiratory droplets, such as by coughing. But transmissions have mainly occurred through close contact, such as living with or caring for an infected person.

MERS belongs to the family of coronaviruses that includes the common cold and SARS, and can cause fever, breathing problems, pneumonia and kidney failure. Most of the deaths in South Korea have been of people suffering from pre-existing medical conditions, such as respiratory problems or cancer.

SIDEBAR

More reason for calm than panic in South Korea's MERS scare

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Sales of surgical masks surge amid fears of a deadly, poorly understood virus. Airlines announce "intensified sanitizing operations." More than 1,100 schools close and 1,600 people—and 17 camels in zoos—are quarantined.

The current frenzy in South Korea over MERS, or Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, brings to mind the other menacing diseases to hit Asia over the last decade—SARS, which killed hundreds, and bird flu.

Then, as now, confusion ruled as the media harped on the growing public panic, and health care workers and government officials struggled to understand and contain the diseases, sometimes downplaying the danger, sometimes inadvertently hyping it.

While it's still early and MERS is a scary disease with no vaccine and a high death rate, there are so far more reasons for calm caution than for panic.

Here's a look at what's happening in South Korea.

MERS CASES ARE GROWING ...

South Korea has seen more than 40 cases and four deaths,

the largest outbreak in the world outside of Saudi Arabia, where most of the more than 1,100 cases have been and where the disease was first seen in 2012.

The cases are linked to a 68-year-old man who traveled to the Middle East. When he returned and became sick last month, he visited two hospitals and two outpatient facilities, "creating multiple opportunities for exposure among health care workers and other patients," the World Health Organization said this week. The man wasn't isolated because it wasn't thought at first that he had been exposed to MERS, which is from the same virus family as the common cold and SARS.

"Further cases can be expected," the U.N. health agency said. It announced Friday that an agency team of experts will visit South Korea to review the fight against the virus.

MERS' mortality rate is an estimated 30 to 40 percent, according to Nicolas Locker, a virology expert at the University of Surrey.

The symptoms are fever, cough and shortness of breath, with an average incubation period of 5 to 6 days. Transmis-

sion comes through close contact with people—from living with or caring for someone, for instance—but camels are also thought to spread the virus, which explains the quarantine of camels at South Korean zoos.

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... BUT IT ISN'T SWEEPING THE COUNTRY

Despite media warnings about the virus "spreading" in South Korea, most of the cases are linked to a single hospital, as is a Korean man diagnosed in China. There's no evidence yet in South Korea "of sustained transmission in the community," the WHO reports.

The four people who died were all mostly elderly and had previous respiratory problems, according to the South Korean Health Ministry.

South Korea also has an ef-

icient emergency response system, Locker said, and has learned much from previous disease scares, especially the SARS pandemic in 2003.

South Korea has airport containment centers for respiratory screenings, and 16 hospitals equipped with bio-containment units for patients and staff, including 600 beds in negative pressure units for isolation and treatment, Locker said.

Washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes, not touching your face with unclean hands—this all helps prevent MERS, experts say.

Because it isn't airborne and is only transmitted through close contact, it's highly unlikely anyone will get the disease in crowded areas, like parks or schools, said Kang Cheol-In, an infectious diseases expert at the Seoul-based Samsung Medical Center.

The closing of hundreds of schools "really doesn't make sense," Kang said.

MEDIA AND PUBLIC FEARS MAY BE OVERBLOWN

Some experts believe the government should have done more initially to convince the public that many of their fears

are unwarranted.

Many people here, however, are in no mood to trust their public officials. The MERS scare follows the sinking of a ferry that killed more than 300 people last year and was widely blamed in part on official incompetence.

Some experts support a strong quarantine to stop MERS' spread; others question its worth.

Kim Sung-han, a professor at the Seoul-based Asan Medical Center, said isolating anyone who has had contact with MERS patients, even if they don't show symptoms, is pointless because no studies show the MERS virus can be spread during the incubation period.

"It's like using a hammer to push in a thumbtack," Kim said.

The possibility of MERS spreading through South Korea is worrisome, of course, but Kim is skeptical that it will happen because the disease usually spreads slowly and requires close contact.

Kang, the infectious diseases expert, said the initial government response was inadequate, "but the people are also looking at things in an unreasonable manner."

Life & Style

New exhibit offers different perspective on WWII end

WASHINGTON (AP)—As the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II approaches, a new museum exhibition provides a different perspective on the end of the conflict—one in which Japanese were the victims.

That has the potential to upset American veterans, especially at a time of intensifying focus on Japan's reluctance to face up to its militaristic past.

The American University Museum is showcasing artifacts and art recalling the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: a pocket watch that stopped at 8:15 a.m., when the first atomic bomb dropped; a picture of twisted bodies and screaming faces engulfed by the flames; the school lunch box of a girl who disappeared without trace.

Defenders of the bombings say it alleviated the need for a land invasion of Japan that would have cost many American lives. The precise death tolls from the bombings are unknown, but it is believed about 200,000 people were killed.

On the 50th anniversary, controversy surrounded an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution of the Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, Aug. 6, 1945. The 1995 exhibit was scaled back dramatically because of U.S. veterans' protests that it portrayed the Japanese as victims, rather than



In this photo taken June 10, 2015, a 1972 paper and Indian ink artwork called "Crows" is displayed at the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibition at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, in northwest Washington, Wednesday, June 10, 2015, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.

as aggressors.

That year, Peter Kuznick, director of American University's Nuclear Studies Institute, responded to the controversy by staging an exhibition of artifacts the Smithsonian would not. Doing so at a private institution, and not a government-funded one, made it less contentious.

He's reprising that effort, 20 years later, with a display

scheduled to run from Saturday through Aug. 16. It includes six pictures on folding screens by the late Iri and Toshi Maruki, a husband-and-wife team whose powerful depictions of nuclear horrors, known as the Hiroshima Panels, are being shown in the U.S. capital for the first time.

In an adjacent room are 25 artifacts collected from the debris—a rosary, a glass fragment

removed from the flesh of a casualty, a container of sake, a student's cap and a student's shoe.

The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum have provided an explanatory account of the bombings with photos, including panoramas of the two leveled cityscapes and images of the victims.

Yoshiko Hayakawa, who

brought the panels from a gallery outside Tokyo, said it had been difficult to find a venue willing or able to display them in the United States. They were last shown in the U.S. in 1995, in Minnesota.

"They go right to the heart of people who wish for long-lasting peace and for a ban on nuclear weapons," she said.

Kuznick said the primary aim

of the exhibition is to portray the human suffering caused by the atomic bombings that ushered in an era in which absolute destruction of the planet became possible and "nobody's future is guaranteed anymore."

He lamented that Americans—including undergraduates he teaches—have become less aware since the end of the Cold War about the devastating impact a nuclear conflict would have.

"Part of why we're doing this is because the danger has not really passed, and it's important that people focus on it again," he said.

The exhibition shows not only Japanese suffering. Two of the Hiroshima Panels on display portray the death of American prisoners of war and Korean forced laborers in the bombings.

Most haunting is "Crows," a picture in black ink which depicts birds picking at the corpses of Koreans, reflecting the discrimination they faced even in death. The picture's caption, a verse penned by the artists, says the Korean bodies "were left on the streets to the very last."

"Not only are we portraying the Japanese as victims, we're also portraying the Japanese as victimizers. That in no way mitigates the American responsibility for using atomic bombs, but it does complicate the narrative a little bit," Kuznick said.

Prince George on balcony as queen marks ceremonial birthday

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II marked her ceremonial birthday Saturday with the traditional "Trooping the Color" parade in the heart of London—and 23-month-old Prince George made his debut on the Buckingham Palace balcony.

The queen was joined by senior royals including the Duchess of Cambridge, who made her first appearance in public since leaving the hospital with newborn Princess Charlotte six weeks ago.

There was no sign of Charlotte but George captivated throngs of well-wishers by appearing on the balcony in the arms of his father, Prince William, who was in full military garb.

It was the first time George took part in the royal tradition of gathering the extended family on the balcony on important national occasions. He was the youngest person there; great-grandfather Prince Philip, 94, was the oldest.

Prince Charles, William and Princess Anne were on horseback for the start of the annual ceremony, later joining the others on the balcony.

The queen turned 89 on April 21, her actual birth date, which is traditionally marked in pri-



Britain's Prince William holds his son Prince George, with Queen Elizabeth II, right, Kate, Duchess of Cambridge and the Prince of Wales during the Trooping The Colour parade at Buckingham Palace, in London, Saturday, June 13, 2015.

vate, with a public celebration held in June, when London's fickle weather is more likely to be favorable.

Crowds gathered outside Buckingham Palace to view the festivities though the day was cloudy and cool.

Elizabeth, wearing a peach and silver coat dress with a matching hat, inspected 1,100 soldiers from the Household Division at the Horse Guards Parade grounds near the palace.

She arrived in an open-topped Ascot Landau carriage.

The Duchess of Cambridge,

formerly Kate Middleton, wore a blue and white dress by Catherine Walker and a whimsical white hat by Lock and Co. for the occasion. She arrived with Camilla, the wife of Prince Charles.

Kate and William and their two young children have spent much of the time since Charlotte's birth at their country retreat on the queen's estate at Sandringham in rural Norfolk. William has resumed his job as an air ambulance pilot after taking a break for paternity leave.

Swedish prince ties the knot to former reality starlet

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The only son of Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia on Saturday married his fiancée in a lavish ceremony in Stockholm.

Prince Carl Philip and the former reality starlet and model Sofia Hellqvist, 30, tied the knot Saturday at the Royal Palace chapel before five European queens, a Japanese princess and dozens of other blue-blooded guests. The couple got engaged in June 2014.

Some 400 guests in total attended the wedding ceremony, where the smiling groom and visibly emotional bride heard Swedish singer Salem Al Fakir perform Coldplay's hit "Fix You," followed by a Swedish language version of Rihanna's "Umbrella" by singer David Pagmar.

Sofia was wearing a dress by Swedish designer Ida Sjostedt, made from silk crepe, covered with Italian silk organza and lace details. Gospel tunes accompanied the couple as they walked down the aisle of the chapel to the waiting, cheering crowds outside.

The newlyweds then traveled in a ceremonial procession



Sweden's Prince Carl Philip, right, stands with his bride, Sofia Hellqvist during their wedding ceremony, in Stockholm, Sweden, Saturday, June 13, 2015.

through the streets of Stockholm by horse and carriage.

The couple greeted the thousands of people gathered outside the Royal Palace and a 21-gun salute was fired at five-second intervals in their honor.

Later Saturday, the pair joined selected guests at a formal banquet at the Royal Palace hosted by the king and queen.

Carl Philip, 36, is third in line to the throne behind his elder sister, Crown Princess

Victoria, and her 3-year-old daughter, Princess Estelle, who was one of the bridesmaids at the wedding.

Hellqvist, who has also worked as a yoga instructor, gets the title Duchess of Varmland.

On Friday evening, the couple threw a pre-wedding dinner party for 270 guests at an underground bunker formerly inhabited by the Swedish military and now used to stage exhibitions.

John Stamos home after DUI arrest in Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Actor John Stamos was home Saturday after being arrested and cited with driving under the influence in Beverly Hills.

Beverly Hills police said they received calls around 7:45 p.m. Friday reporting a possible drunken driver. Officers later stopped Stamos, who was the only person in the vehicle.

Stamos, 51, was taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center because of a possible medical condition, police said. At the hospital it was determined by police that Stamos had been driving under influence, and he was arrested. Police cited him for DUI and released him to the care of the hospital.

Matt Polk, a publicist for Stamos, declined to comment,

AP
This April 25, 2015, file photo shows actor John Stamos arriving at the 4th Annual Reel Stories, Real Lives Benefit in Los Angeles.



but he referred The Associated Press to the actor's Twitter feed.

"Thanks to everyone for their love & support. I'm home & well," Stamos tweeted late Saturday morning. "Very apprecia-

tive of the BHPD & Cedars for their care."

Stamos starred in "Full House," which aired on ABC

from 1987 to 1995. He will produce and appear in a 13-episode reboot of the sitcom for Netflix scheduled to debut next year.

Sierra Boggess to star in 'School of Rock' musical

NEW YORK (AP)—Andrew Lloyd Webber has tapped a favorite actress to play the school principal in the musical stage version of "School of Rock."

Sierra Boggess, who has played Christine in "The Phan-

tom of the Opera" in London and New York, will play Joan Cusack's role onstage opposite Alex Brightman, playing the lovable rocker who poses as a substitute teacher at a tony prep school.

The musical version of the 2003 film starring Jack Black will start in early November, with an opening set for Dec. 6. Webber and lyricist Glenn Slater will write new music to be added to some songs featured in

the movie.

The story will be adapted by Julian Fellowes, who created "Downton Abbey," and be directed by Laurence Connor, who co-directed the latest "Les Miserables" on Broadway.

Foo Fighters cancel shows after singer injures leg on stage



AP
Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl is pictured on a big screen talking in a microphone after falling from the stage, during the band's concert at Nya Ullevi in Gothenburg, Sweden, Friday, June 12, 2015.

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Foo Fighters have decided to cancel two shows in Europe after the band's frontman Dave Grohl

fell off the stage during a concert in Sweden and broke a leg, the band said Saturday.

Grohl fell off the stage during the concert in Goteborg, Sweden, on Friday. A hospital visit after the show confirmed he had sustained at least one fracture in the fall, although the full extent of the injuries are still being determined, the band said.

As a result, the band has been forced to cancel its June 14 show at the Pinkpop Festival in the Netherlands as well as its June 16 concert in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Videos posted on social media Friday showed Grohl walking across the stage in Goteborg when he appeared to trip and plunge over the edge.

"I think I just broke my leg.

I think I really broke my leg," he told the crowd, lying on his back in front of the stage.

The rest of the band resumed playing as Grohl was taken away for medical attention. But he was later carried back on stage on a stretcher with his right foot bandaged and continued the concert sitting down or supporting himself on crutches.

The former Nirvana drummer told the crowd he wouldn't leave the stage unless given orders by a doctor to do so.

Photos from the concert at the Ullevi stadium show Grohl singing on stage and playing his guitar, while his leg is elevated and bandaged.

Later, the Foo Fighters tweeted an X-ray image of what appeared to be a clear fracture in the leg.

Barry Manilow to perform on National Mall for July 4th

WASHINGTON (AP)—Barry Manilow will headline this year's Independence Day celebration on the National Mall, performing July 4 with the National Symphony Orchestra and other musicians.

Organizers of the annual "A Capitol Fourth" celebration announced Friday that Manilow will be the featured performer. Other performers have not yet been announced. Manilow will perform a patriotic medley he first per-

formed nearly 30 years ago for the reopening of the Statue of Liberty.

The "Capitol Fourth" concert at the U.S. Capitol leads up to the massive fireworks display on the National Mall. The event draws hundreds of thousands of visitors. It is also broadcast each year on PBS and NPR stations from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The performance will also feature the U.S. Army Herald Trumpets and U.S. Army Ceremonial Band.

No joke: Comedian Kevin Hart leads run organized on Twitter

ATLANTA (AP)—Actor and comedian Kevin Hart woke up his 19.6 million Twitter followers not with a joke but with a serious invitation for a run through Atlanta's Piedmont Park on Friday.

"Up & at it...we are about to get this spontaneous 5K run in this morning!!!!" he tweeted.

And he made sure fans knew he wanted only those who were ready to run.

He tweeted: "I'm serious about

this" and "This is about health & challenging yourselves."

The run was part of his partnership with Rally Health.

More than 100 people showed up for the run and Hart told WAGA-TV he was impressed with the turnout.

Hart, who's been in movies including "Ride Along" and "Think Like A Man," is scheduled to perform Friday and Saturday nights in Atlanta.



AP
Actor and comedian Kevin Hart, center, leads an impromptu 5K run he organized on social media through Piedmont Park Friday, June 12, 2015, in Atlanta.

Husband's cocktail time is too much and too loose

DEAR ABBY: I have been blessed with success over the years and continue to provide a comfortable lifestyle for my wife and me. I will be celebrating my 74th birthday soon, and 55 years of marriage to my high school sweetheart.

When I come home from a busy day, I enjoy sitting down and having two generous cocktails while I listen to my favorite news station. I espouse my views on the political events of the day. And always, without exception, I verbalize my adoration for my wife and our family, and express how beautiful my wife is and how much I love her.

My wife becomes somewhat annoyed because I get loose with my opinions and comments because of the alcohol. She wants me to quit drinking every night before dinner. I feel there's no harm because I have only two drinks. At my age, I feel entitled, but I don't want to make my wife feel like she is married to an alcoholic. What do you suggest I do?

MY AMERICAN DREAM INCLUDES COCKTAILS

DEAR AMERICAN DREAM: For openers, try laying off the sauce for a week or so—if you can manage it—or cut back to one drink in a smaller glass. When you say you consume two "generous" drinks a day, I can't help but wonder how generous and what you're using to measure. While you may have been

able to drink two generous drinks when you were younger with no negative effects, as folks get older (and 74 would qualify as "older"), they don't metabolize alcohol as well.

One of the signs of problem drinking is when it starts to cause problems with others. Another is belligerence, and if that's the way you become as you listen to your news programs, you can't blame your wife for being upset. And as to the endearments you utter while under the influence — while they may be sweet, take it from me that women much prefer to hear them from men who are sober.

DEAR ABBY: I am getting married to a wonderful man. He suggested that his close friend "Zoe" would like to be a bridesmaid, so I asked her and she accepted.

The problem is, I have sent multiple messages to Zoe regarding the color we have selected for the bridesmaid dresses and also asked if she'd like to come along when I look for my wedding dress. I have received no response at all from her. My fiancé has also contacted her, and he hasn't heard back, either.

Is it OK if I decide to use someone else who is willing to participate in the events leading up to the wedding, and not just the ceremony?

FIRST- AND ONLY-TIME BRIDE

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR BRIDE: Have your fiancé check with Zoe to see if she's OK and her contact information is correct. Then send Zoe a written message explaining that because she hasn't responded to your previous messages, you and your fiancé assume she won't be participating in the pre-wedding activities and would prefer not to be one of your bridesmaids. Say that you both hope she will attend the wedding as a guest and send her an invitation. If she accepts —fine. However, if you don't hear from her, take her off the list.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



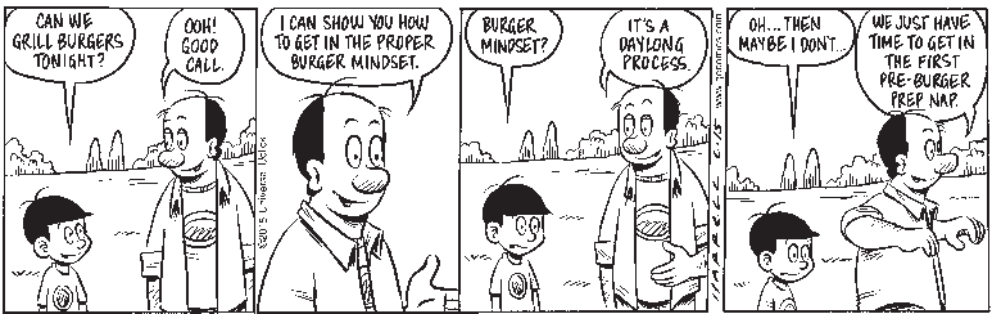
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Solution time: 27 mins.

Friday's answer 6-15

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Neil Patrick Harris, 42; Ice Cube, 46; Courteney Cox, 51; Helen Hunt, 52.

Happy Birthday: What you accomplish on your own and without everyone watching will be remarkable this year. You may feel isolated, but the end result will be recognized as well as praised. Try not to let anyone entice you to veer off your chosen path. Focus, discipline and living each moment to its fullest will bring you satisfaction and success. Your numbers are 5, 13, 24, 30, 33, 46, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Double-check everything you do, purchase or negotiate. An important detail will be overlooked, and finding the mistake will make you look good and put you in line for a reward or advancement. Plan to celebrate with someone you love. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Expect someone to play on your sympathy. Complaints made aren't likely to be based on valid facts. Don't neglect your responsibilities in order to take care of someone else's business. Keep your life simple and your lifestyle moderate. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do your research before you contribute to something or someone you know little about. You are better off concentrating on your home, family and personal needs. Spoil the people you love and do the things that bring you the most joy. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be afraid to be different or approach your work creatively. The alterations you make in order to put a unique spin on whatever

you do will help you advance. Avoid gossip or sharing your personal information. Don't make rash decisions. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Call the shots and make changes. Progressive action will raise eyebrows as well as earn you a spot with the movers and shakers. Believe in your abilities and don't hesitate to ask for favors in order to get ahead. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't trust anyone to take care of your responsibilities for you. If you want something done right, do it yourself. Expect to face opposition or criticism, but don't let it deter you from following through with your plans. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everyone will vie for your attention. A romantic relationship will take a positive turn, giving you the edge and the response you've been waiting for. Travel and communication are highlighted. The help you offer someone will be answered with an unexpected reward. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't waste your time trying to fool others. Money matters will not be as they appear. Take care of your responsibilities and do what you know in your heart is right. Promises must be kept. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on partnerships, home improvements and getting ahead financially. The investments you make in yourself and your surroundings will lead to greater respect and plenty of compliments. Romance will improve your living arrangements. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Participate in activities that will help ease your stress and allow you to forget about matters that you can do nothing about. Take time to communicate with the children and elders in your life. What you give others will be rewarding for you, too. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Plan to spend time with the people who bring you the most joy. Children, your partner or friends who like the same activities as you will contribute to your emotional well-being by offering you inspiration and the courage to follow your goals. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be taken for granted if you offer to do too much for others. Listen to the complaints made, but don't feel obliged to pay for someone else's mistakes. Emotional manipulation will lead to a nasty argument. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are complex, charming and communicative. You are convincing and charismatic.

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SUDOKU
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Difficulty Level ★ 6/15

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 6/15

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

BAVARIAN MOTOR WORKS Solution: 6 letters

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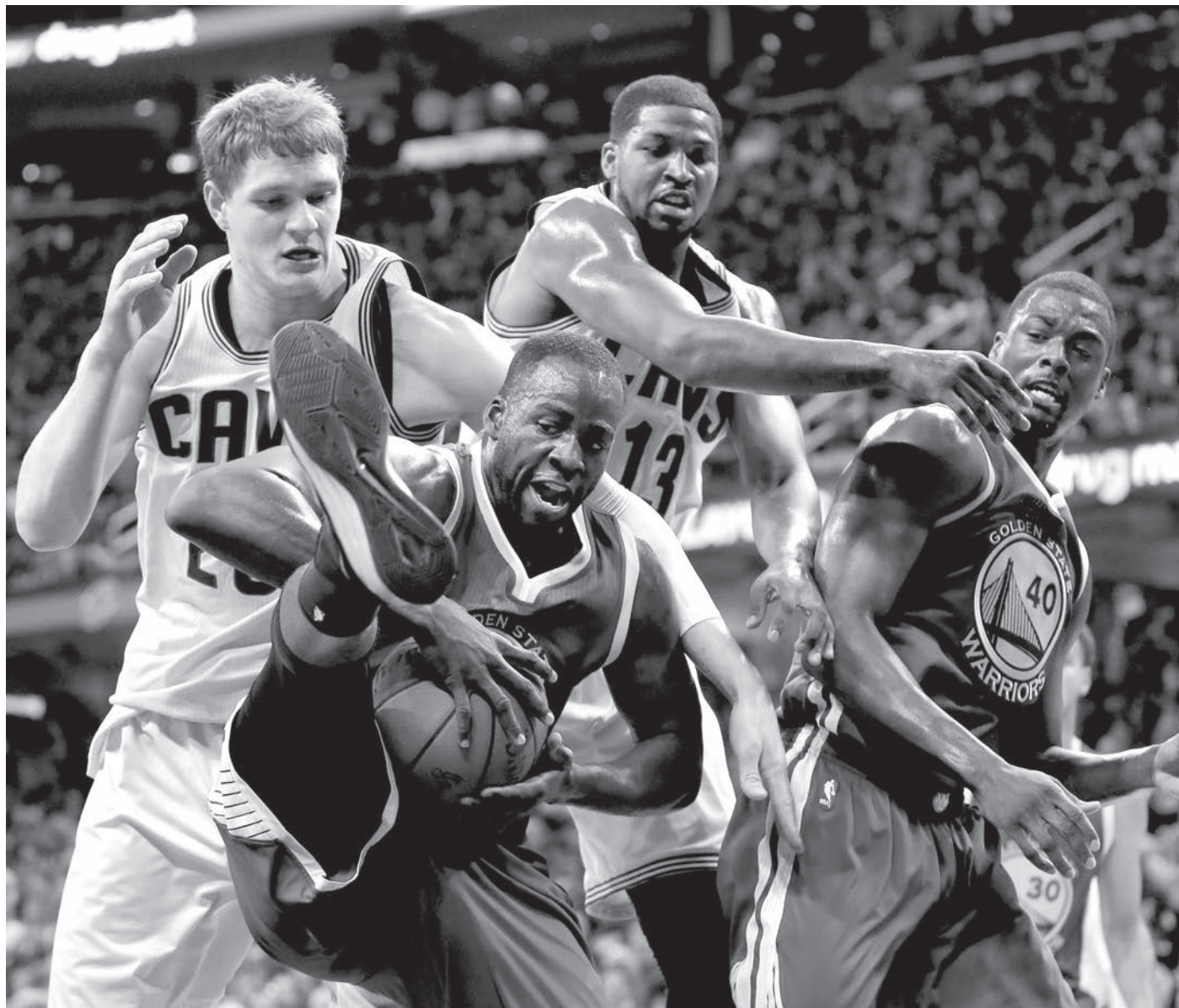
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Warriors expect better play at home in Game 5



Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green (23) comes up with a rebound next to teammate Harrison Barnes and Cleveland Cavaliers center Timofey Mozgov (20), top, left, and center Tristan Thompson (13), top right, during the first half of Game 4 of NBA Finals in Cleveland, Thursday, June 11, 2015.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—When the NBA returned to a 2-2-1-1-1 format for the NBA Finals, it swung the advantage in Game 5 back to the higher-seeded team.

Under the system that was used for about three decades, the middle three games were hosted by the team with the worse record. Had that not been changed before the 2013-14 season, Sunday's game would have been in Cleveland.

Critics of the 2-3-2 format argued that Game 5, often a pivotal game when the series is tied, should be a home game for the team with the better record.

Now the Golden State Warriors have it, and know they need to capitalize on it.

After going 39-2 at home in the regular season, they have lost twice at Oracle Arena in the

postseason, including Game 2 of this series. They didn't play well in Game 1, either.

"But I think we're going to be really composed, really aggressive," Warriors guard Stephen Curry said. "We're going to feed off our crowd's energy tomorrow, which we're going to need because that's why you play so hard during the regular season, to have home-court advantage, to be able to capitalize off of that in situations like these."

The team that won Game 5 of the finals when the series was tied 2-2 won the title 20 of 28 times.

"I think it's going to be a big momentum swing, whoever wins Game 5. That is pretty obvious with the series being 2-2," Warriors forward David

Lee said. "But we're not really worried about the result as much as we've got to come out and play the way we played in Game 4, and that is play Warriors basketball."

Here are some things to watch Sunday:

STAYING SMALL: Steve Kerr wouldn't reveal whether he would stick with the lineup he used for Game 4, with Andre Iguodala in and center Andrew Bogut going to the bench.

The smaller lineup helped speed up the tempo and the Warriors had their best performance of the series in their 103-82 victory. Yet, they also won 67 games in the regular season with a conventional lineup, so either option could work.

"Obviously we won Game 1 with our normal lineup. We've had a great season with our nor-

mal lineup," forward Harrison Barnes said. "So it's something we went through last (game) to get our offense going. So whether we stick with it or go back to the old one, we'll see."

LOOKING TO LEBRON: Held to 20 points in Game 4 after averaging more than 40 for the first three, LeBron James won't go out searching for a certain number of shots or points, and coach David Blatt said the Cavaliers don't want him feeling he has to.

"For me, from the perception, it's a lose-lose when it comes to, 'OK, well, in the first three games I score 40, but I shoot a lot of shots. Last game I scored 20, I don't shoot as many shots, and we lose.' So it's like, what do you want?" James said.

"So for me, that's not my thought process. I don't really

care about it. All I care about is how I can produce for our team."

FEELING GREAT, MATE:

The extra day of rest between Games 4 and 5 benefited all the players, but was perhaps most important for Matthew Dellavedova. The Australian point guard needed treatment for dehydration after his brilliant Game 3 performance and didn't look recovered Thursday, struggling to 10 points on 3-of-14 shooting.

"I'm feeling great," he said

Saturday. "I'm feeling a lot better and really ready to go for Game 5."

NOWHERE TO GO BUT UP:

J.R. Smith missed all eight 3-pointers in a 2-for-12 performance in Game 4. At least he knows things can only improve.

"It's one game, so the best part about it, I can't play no worse," he said.

He certainly has to play better. The former Sixth Man of the Year is shooting just 29.8 percent from the field in the finals.

S I D E B A R

LeBron believes Cavs rested and ready

OAKLAND, Calif.—LeBron James looked relaxed and spry as he worked on his jumper during the Cleveland Cavaliers' practice on Saturday.

That was a departure from two days earlier when James was spent after playing his third game in five days during the Cavaliers' loss in Game 4 of the NBA Finals to the Golden State Warriors on Thursday night. The Finals are now tied 2-2 with Game 5 here on Sunday evening. James expects to have more energy after getting two days off.

"Any little rest you can get throughout the postseason run, it's like a lifeline," James said from the Warriors' practice facility. "For us to be able to get this extra day to mentally and physically prepare for [Sunday] night is definitely helpful."

The momentum in the Finals switched after the Warriors regained home-court advantage with the Game 4 victory. Golden State had struggled offensively in Games 2 and 3, but helped its offense by going to a small lineup with swingman Andrew Iguodala starting in place of center Andrew Bogut. Though the Warriors are expected to stick with the new lineup Sunday, coach Steve Kerr declined to confirm his plans.

James thinks the two days between games will also help the Cavaliers counter the Warriors' lineup change.

Timofey Mozgov is starting off on Iggy; it's a different matchup than Bogut, obviously," James said. "You've got a guy that's primarily on the perimeter in Game 4 versus guarding a guy that's always in the paint, for the most part, unless he's initiating offense."

"So it's definitely a different change for us. But I think we'll be much more prepared for it (Sunday) night if they go with the same lineup."

The Warriors' frontrunner for a possible NBA Finals MVP award entering

the series was expected to be either Stephen Curry or Klay Thompson. Iguodala, however, has taken over that spot through four Finals games in large part because of his challenging defense on James.

James averaged 41 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists during the first three games. Iguodala played a big role in limiting James to 20 points on 7-of-22 shooting from the field in nearly 41 minutes in Game 4. Iguodala said the keys to guarding James are being "mentally prepared; understanding it's going to be a long game;" and not overreacting when James succeeds.

"If I was guarding another guy and he made a couple baskets, you might overreact like you might need to switch something up," Iguodala said. "But we have a scheme in place, and in order for the scheme to work, the overall picture is 48 minutes. So one or two minutes may not work, but in the grand scheme of things, you're trying to break them down, you're trying to force your will up on them, and it's going to take the whole game."

"So, mentally, you have to be with it the whole night. That can be really stressful if you don't go about it the right way."

The injury-plagued Cavaliers played only two players off the bench in Game 4 in guards J.R. Smith and James Jones. Cleveland coach David Blatt declined to say if he would use more of his bench in Game 5. With James now well rested, that may not be necessary.

"We've got a lot of experienced players on our roster, and a lot of guys have been through these battles before," Blatt said. "Some of the guys have not played a whole lot. Our results have been pretty good as we've been playing, but, again, I believe in those guys and their ability to step in, if necessary, and do what needs to be done."

Patriots sign veteran Flynn as Brady faces suspension



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—The New England Patriots have signed Matt Flynn to shore up the quarterback position with Tom Brady facing a four-game suspension.

That suspension could be reduced after Brady's hearing with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on June 23, but Flynn provides depth at a spot where the Patriots only have second-

year pro Jimmy Garoppolo.

The Patriots signed Flynn one day after releasing quarterback Garrett Gilbert, a sixth-round pick last year by the St. Louis Rams who was added to New England's practice squad on Dec. 17.

Flynn was a seventh-round draft pick by Green Bay in 2008 and made his first NFL start on Dec. 19, 2010, against New England. He completed 24 of 37 passes for 251 yards, three touch-

downs and one interception in a 31-27 win by the Patriots.

After four years as a backup at Green Bay, Flynn signed a three-year, \$26 million contract with Seattle as a free agent on March 18, 2012. But rookie Russell Wilson won the starting job and Flynn was traded to Oakland on April 1, 2013.

The Raiders released him that October and he signed with Buffalo a week later. He spent three games with the

Bills but didn't play before being cut on Nov. 4.

He signed with Green Bay on Nov. 12, 2013. Last season with the Packers, Flynn completed 8 of 16 passes for 66 yards, no touchdowns and one interception in seven games as a backup to Aaron Rodgers.

In 51 NFL games, seven of them starts, Flynn has completed 219 of 357 passes for 2,541 yards with 17 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

Blue Jays win 10th straight off Martin homer



BOSTON (AP)
—Russell Martin delivered

the go-ahead hit for the second straight day, a leadoff home run in the 11th inning Saturday that sent the Toronto Blue Jays to their 10th straight win, 5-4 over the Boston Red Sox.

The winning streak is Toronto's longest since it took 11 in a row in June 2013.

Boston lost its fifth straight game and fell a season-worst nine games under .500.

On Friday night, Martin hit a tiebreaking, bases-loaded triple during a nine-run burst in the seventh for a 13-10 victory. On Saturday, he drove a 2-0 pitch from Matt Barnes (2-2) deep into the left-center field stands for his 10th homer of the season.

Brett Cecil pitched a perfect 11th for his fourth save, and second in two days, to preserve the win for Aaron Loup (2-3).

Indians 5, Tigers 4

In Detroit, Justin Verlander pitched five effective innings in his season debut for Detroit, but Carlos Santana and Carlos Carrasco led Cleveland to victory.

Verlander had been on the disabled list with a right triceps strain. The former AL MVP and Cy Young Award winner reached 97 mph with his fastball and gave up two runs and three hits in five innings. He struck out two, walked two and left with a 3-2 lead.

Santana homered and Carrasco (8-5) allowed three runs and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Pirates 4, Phillies 3

In Pittsburgh, Gerrit Cole allowed two runs in six innings to become the first pitcher in the majors to 10 victories this season as Pittsburgh edged Philadelphia.

Cole (10-2) struck out seven without a walk to trim his ERA to a major-league best 1.71 while winning his fifth consecutive start. The 24-year-old is now 14-2 in 18 starts dating to last September.

Orioles 9, Yankees 4

In Baltimore, Manny Machado homered and had four RBIs, Nolan Reimold hit a two-run drive and Baltimore overcame a milestone achievement by Alex Rodriguez in a win over the Yankees.

David Lough added a solo shot for the Orioles, who have won six straight to climb over .500 (31-30) for the first time since May 4. Baltimore has amassed 20 runs and 31 hits in the first two games of the series and will vie for a sweep on Sunday.

Rangers 11, Twins 7

In Arlington, Mitch Moreland and Joey Gallo hit back-to-back, impressive home runs and Texas sent Minnesota to its fifth straight loss.

The Twins were without



AP
Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher R.A. Dickey delivers against the Boston Red Sox during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston Saturday, June 13, 2015.

outfielder Torii Hunter, who dropped the appeal of his two-game suspension for an equipment-throwing rant and started serving the penalty.

Minnesota was the only AL team Colby Lewis (6-3) hadn't beaten as a Ranger.

Mariners 8, Astros 1

In Houston, Logan Morrison homered twice and tied a career high with five RBIs to help Seattle cruise past Houston.

The Mariners tagged Coltin McHugh (6-3) for five runs in the first inning, a day after Houston roughed up Felix Hernandez for eight runs in the opening frame.

Rookie starter Mike Montgomery (1-1) allowed six hits and one run in six innings.

Marlins 4, Rockies 1

In Miami, Mat Latos struck out a season-high 11 over seven innings, Giancarlo Stanton homered and drove in four runs, and Miami beat Colorado.

Latos (2-4) gave up one run and four hits while making his first start since May 21 due to left knee inflammation. He earned his first victory since May 5 at Washington.

Stanton had a two-run double in the first and a two-run homer, his 23rd.

A.J. Ramos pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save in 11 chances.

Rays 5, White Sox 4

In St. Petersburg, Steve Souza Jr. hit a tying RBI single, stole second with the help of a replay challenge and scored the go-ahead run on an error, lifting Tampa Bay over Chicago.

Souza's two-out single off Zach Putnam (1-2) drove in Da-

vid DeJesus in the eighth. Souza then swiped second and Asdrubal Cabrera was walked intentionally before Jake Elmore hit a bouncer up the middle.

Cardinals 3, Royals 2

In St. Louis, call-up Tyler Lyons had a solid outing and Mark Reynolds homered as St. Louis beat Kansas City for the second straight day.

Alex Gordon and Salvador Perez homered for the Royals, who took two of three from the Cardinals at home last month and will be trying to avoid a sweep in the finale.

Lyons (1-0) allowed two runs and three hits in five innings.

Trevor Rosenthal got four outs for his league-leading 21st save in 22 chances.

Braves 5, Mets 3, 11 innings

In New York, Cameron Maybin had a two-run single in the 11th inning and Atlanta rallied past New York.

Freddie Freeman tied it for Atlanta with two outs in the ninth, hitting an RBI single. Facing a Mets bullpen without closer Jeurys Familia, whose son was born while he was finishing off Friday night's win, the Braves came back to end a five-game skid against New York.

Nationals 7, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Yonel Escobar and Wilson Ramos hit two-run homers and Bryce Harper continued his offensive surge by driving in two runs as Washington topped Milwaukee.

The Nationals have won just four of their last 15.

Harper finished 3 for 3, but was hit by a pitch in the ninth

and left the game.

Joe Ross (1-1) won for the first time in his major league career by scattering seven hits in eight solid innings. Jimmy Nelson (3-7) took the loss.

Diamondbacks 4, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Allen Webster pitched into the sixth inning to win in his Arizona debut, Paul Goldschmidt had two hits and

an RBI and the Diamondbacks beat San Francisco.

Webster (1-0), who spent the first two months in the minors after starting 11 games for Boston last season, was called up before the game and didn't allow a hit until Joe Panik's double with one out in the sixth.

Angels 1, Athletics 0

In Anaheim, Albert Pujols homered in the first inning and C.J.

Wilson pitched seven innings of two-hit ball to lead Los Angeles.

Wilson (4-5) struck out eight and walked three in his first scoreless outing since April 7, when he allowed two hits over eight innings in a victory at Seattle. The left-hander was 1-3 with a 6.00 ERA his previous five starts — including a loss at Yankee Stadium last Sunday, when he gave up a season-worst six runs along with seven hits and three homers in seven innings.

Padres 2, Dodgers 1

In San Diego, Justin Upton hit a solo homer with two outs in the eighth inning off Zack Greinke to lift San Diego.

Upton hit a 3-2 slider into the stands in left field. Dodgers manager Don Mattingly challenged the play, contending a fan may have reached over the wall trying to catch the ball. The call was upheld in 42 seconds.

Greinke, who came in 5-0 with a 1.53 ERA against San Diego in 10 career starts, had pitched well into the eighth inning.

Cubs 4, Reds 3

In Chicago, Starlin Castro's RBI single in the ninth inning lifted Chicago past Cincinnati in a rain-delayed game.

Kris Bryant led off the ninth with a double before Miguel Montero was hit by a pitch to bring up Castro, who singled to center field off Tony Cingrani (0-3).

Jason Motte (3-1) allowed two hits and struck out one in scoreless ninth for the Cubs, who have won five of seven.

Woods eyes recovery at US Open

TACOMA (AP)—Tiger Woods insists he's making progress, reinventing his game for what seems like the umpteenth time, but the 85 he shot at The Memorial last weekend seems to indicate otherwise.

"I have had times like this in my life where I've gone through these periods," said Woods. "But you just have to fight through it."

"I am committed to what I am doing and committed to the changes and once I start to snowball and start getting more solidified then that is when things start coming together."

The 14-time major winner Woods, who will turn 40 in December, started working with swing coach Chris Como seven months ago and has been trying to implement several swing changes to his game.

But it has been a much more difficult learning curve than he anticipated as it seems that for every step Woods takes forward, he takes two backwards.

"You just don't go from one to 10," he said. "We are taking it 1, 2, 3, 4, all the way to 10."

Woods heads into next week's 115th US Open after having endured the worst round of his career at Muirfield Village when he shot a 13-over-par 85 before closing with a 74. He completed four rounds in last place at 14-over 302.

He also endured playing as a single and having to remove his own flagsticks while his caddy was busy raking bunkers that had swallowed up Woods's errant approach shots.

To add insult to injury, on Monday Woods officially fell to 181st in the world rankings and he is 196th place in FedEx Cup playoff points.

The 85 he shot at The Memorial is 20 strokes off his best career round at a US Open which he shot in 2000 at Pebble Beach when he recorded the first of his three US Open triumphs. He also won in 2002 and 2008.

His best finish this year was 17th at The Masters. He has teed it up just five times in the 2015 season, including a

withdrawal from the Farmers Insurance Open in February with back problems.

Woods' 15-stroke win at the 2000 US Open stands as the largest margin of victory in tournament history. His 2008 US Open win at Torrey Pines was achieved on one good leg and remains the last Grand Slam victory he can hang his hat on.

Despite the Memorial meltdown, Woods says his game is headed in the right direction.

"You can call it progression, baseline shifts, you can call it any terms you want, but what it is is that I am taking it step by step above the game plan we have and we have formulated for me to get better and get back to where I want to be in the game of golf."

His low world ranking means he is not eligible for the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational in August and he needs to improve to 125 or better in order to play in the FedEx playoff events.



CNMI jr. players start bid in regionals today

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The ITF North Pacific Regional Championships 2015 will kick off today at the Rick

Ninete Tennis Center in Hagatna, Guam with the 18 CNMI junior tennis players among the 57 participants in the six-day tournament.

The bulk of the CNMI Junior Tennis Team arrived in Guam last Saturday and had practice sessions yesterday at the Agana Tennis Court. The Commonwealth bets are lead by U14 singles defending champion Tan Tania, who is joined by fellow girls U14 players Malika Miyawaki, Mimi Sakano, Asia Raulerson; boys U14's Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, Vincent Tudela, Steven Goodwin, and Haruya Eda; boys U12's Rintaro Miyawaki, Sean Lee, Seung Jin Paik, and Ji Min Woo;



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

CNMI junior tennis players and coach Jeff Race, back row, second left, pose for a photo before leaving the Saipan International Airport for Guam last Saturday to compete in the ITF North Pacific Regional Championships 2015.

girls U12's Conatsu and Coume Kaga, Erica Tuttle, and Maria Gregoire; and girls U16's Isabel Heras and Ami Tsukagoshi. CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Jeff Race is the team's coach.

Race joined the CNMI players who flew to Guam last Saturday and encouraged his wards in front of their parents and other well-wishers at the departure area of the Saipan International

Airport to bring home good news by playing well in the regionals.

"Let's do our very best and bring home some good news to our supporters here on Saipan," Race said.

Meanwhile, the tournament's boys U12 division has 12 players and is divided into two pools, while the girls U12 also has two groups and eight entries. Draws and game schedules have yet to be posted on the tournament's website at press time last night, but the format in the U12 age group has been determined. Pool play will be implemented and only the Top 2 players in each group will advance to the playoffs.

In the U14 division, the boys group has 13 players, who are split into four groups. The Top

2 finishers in each group will march into the playoffs. The girls U14 has only eight players and they are divided into two groups with the Top 2 placers after the pool play moving into the playoffs.

The U16 age group follows the girls U14 format, as the boys U16 has only seven entries and the girls U16 has lured 10 players.

The Federated States of Micronesia is fielding the most players in the annual tournament with its 19, while Guam matched the CNMI's entry of 18. Palau has only two players.

How to fix FIFA: Experts say agency needs outside reformer

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Sepp Blatter thinks FIFA can reform itself. Anti-corruption experts say an institution in that much trouble won't be able to clean itself up without an outsider.

The arrest of seven top soccer officials in Zurich and Blatter's resignation provide an opening for transforming what Transparency International's managing director Cobus de Swardt termed FIFA's "sordid empire of corruption."

But any change clashes with the reality of politics at FIFA: Its 209 members from Vanuatu to Venezuela, and the powerful executive committee are unlikely to act against their own entrenched power and privileges.

Mark Pieth is a Swiss law professor and FIFA's former top anti-corruption adviser. His work for FIFA ended last year with all of his key reform proposals being rejected.

Pieth wants Blatter to go now - not in seven to 10 months after a new president is elected. He is calling for an interim caretaker from outside to stabilize FIFA and restore its credibility. Only then should there be an election, which may not happen for up to two years.

"Blatter cannot cling to his job now for months as a lame duck," Pieth told The Associated Press.

"There is no use in wasting time and getting into political games. You don't step down in bits and pieces."

Pieth suggested "someone on the outside, but someone who knows the inside" as the caretaker. He mentioned former German football association president Theo Zwanziger or Sunil Gulati, the head of the U.S. Soccer Federation.

He also said Gulati might be a strong candidate for the long-term presidency.



CNMI golf team gets boost from Mariana Resort

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The CNMI men's golf team received a needed boost for its campaign in next month's XV Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea after receiving a donation from Mariana Resort & Spa last Friday in Marpi.

The \$500 check was turned over by Mariana Resort general manager Gloria Cavanagh to Refaluwasch Golf Association treasurer Ben Petersburg and RGA tournament director Manny Mangarero. Mariana Resort executive chef William Retardo, Marianas Country Club operations manager Thomson Palik, and MCC manager Lito Parulan also witnessed the donation turnover ceremony.

Petersburg said the money will help the CNMI golf team's trip to Port Moresby, which will host the quadrennial sporting event from July 4 to 18.

"We're almost there and the money would cover the airfare cost and the trip to PNG. We thank Marianas Resort for their generous contribution and their



continued support to the community," added Petersburg.

Mangarero said the four-member CNMI team—composed of player-coach Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, Harry Nakamura, Franco Santos, and Louie Tilipao—is set to leave between July 1 and 3.

"The team wants to make it to the opening ceremony of the games so they

will be there earlier," Mangarero said.

Meanwhile, Cavanagh said Mariana Resort has always been there to help the community. "We always show our support to the community. It is our way of giving back to the people who also support us."

"We help in every way we can, either in monetary or in kind. We always wanted to be involved in com-

munity events," added Cavanagh, who said that Mariana Resort's next move is to build a competitive basketball team for the upcoming JP World tournament.

JON PEREZ

Mariana Resort & Spa general manager Gloria Cavanagh, third left, hands over the check to Refaluwasch Golf Association's treasurer Ben Petersburg, fourth left, last Friday in Marpi. Others in photo are, from left, Mariana Country Club operations manager Thomson Palik, RGA tournament director Manny Mangarero, MCC manager Lito Parulan, and Mariana Resort executive chef William Retardo.

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I just kept calm, relaxed, and focused with my game," said the obviously shy Kwon after her more than three-hour long match with Jin.

"It was really windy at first and I don't let that affect my game plan. I just focused on my swing and read things carefully so I could have better shot placements," added Kwon, who earlier beat Jenny Hegland in the last hole for the women's crown.

Kwon and Hegland started their matchup at the back nine and the score was squared en-

tering the par-4 No. 9. Kwon parred and Hegland bogeyed, giving the former the women's club title and the chance of facing Jin in the finals.

"I was excited and a bit scared with my match against Jenny. I don't know how would I feel if I won or lost the match. Now, I'm happy and relieved that I won it," Kwon ended.

For Jin, this serves as a learning experience as he tries again next year.

"I forced two extra holes but I could not control everything. My stamina was already running low," Jin said.

He said he had no problems reading the greens but when

nervousness crept in, he became stiff and that affected his game.

"It wasn't that hard but I got nervous and that somehow affected my game. My strokes were not that good when I became stiff. She went ahead at par-5 No. 3 when she approached the short green for a birdie," added Jin, who is now looking forward to competing in the 14th Annual Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands Charity Golf Classic Tournament on June 20.

Meanwhile, Alex Tudela defeated Park Mi Na in the Random event to complete the winners list.

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of the first three.

The Saipan All-Stars, who have been practicing for almost two weeks, are set to make their southern trip this Wednesday.

Former CNMI district administrator James Ada said the district tournament is in compliance of the policies and regulation set by Little League headquarters in South Williamsport in Pennsylvania.

"We're honored that Rota, with the help of Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig and Rota Municipal Council chair George Hocog, managed to pull this

through after being hit by Typhoon Dolphin," Ada said.

"The Rota Little League is prepared to host the tournament and welcome Saipan next week. The ballfield is in shape and after this tournament we're going to install lighting so night games can be played," he added.

Ada also said there is a plan to install pull-away bleachers.

"Refurbishing will also take place and pull-away bleachers will be added. Engineers have already done the scope of work. I thank both the parents of the kids from Rota and Saipan. Hats off to the Rota Little League, the volunteers, and all of their sup-

porters," Ada said.

Saipan represented the CNMI in last year's regionals held in July at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga. The CNMI Little League All-Stars finished with a 3-2 card and failed to advance to the semis after losing in the tiebreak to Chinese-Taipei. They placed fifth overall following a win over New Zealand.

In the pool play, the CNMI players overpowered Vietnam, 17-2; defeated Hong Kong, 6-3; and scored a morale-boosting 3-2 win over Chinese-Taipei. In other results, they fell to Saudi Arabia, 4-9, and suffered a 0-7 shutout against Dubai.



2015 PSS/McDonald's All-Schools Athletics Championship

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Tinian's Zachariah Hofschneider, right, and Michael Naputi make it to the podium after finishing 1-2 in the boys U18 shot put event.



Student-athletes pose for a group photo at the conclusion of last month's 12th Annual PSS/McDonald's All-School Athletics Championship at Hopwood Junior High School Field.



Marianas High School's Donovan Ada, right, and Friendly Joy Pena pose with their most valuable player trophies in the U18 age group.



Team Tinian, which won medals in the boys U18 division, gathers for a group photo.



Some of the participating schools line up during the opening ceremony.



Members of Agape Christian School relax after competing and winning several medals and trophies.



Coaches of participating teams pose for a photo after helping their respective athletes train and compete.



Ashley Kasian of Koblerville Elementary School competes in the girls U8 long jump.



Brilliant Star School's Savita Sikkell leaps to a silver medal in the girls U8 long jump event.



San Vicente Elementary School girls U10 relay team members celebrate their second place finish.



Warriors expect better play at home in Game 5

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Kwon takes first Club Lao title

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Women power prevailed last Saturday as Kwon Young Sook was crowned champion in the inaugural IT&E Club Lao Championship after she defeated Jin Feng Chun in the finals at the challenging east course of the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort.



JON PEREZ
Kwon Young Sook, right, gets a congratulatory hug from Jenny Hegland following the former's victory in the inaugural IT&E Club Lao Championship last Saturday at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort's East course.



Kwon's win was not easy, as the 46-year-old needed two playoff holes to beat the feisty Jin, 1-up, in the match play format.

The full-time mom was 2-up after 11 holes and went 3-up after the par-4 No. 13 to put pressure on Jin. But the 24-year-old, who defeated Kwon's 11-year-old son Dong Young Lee in the men's finals to earn a shot at the Club title, came charging back and squared things off when he saved par on the par-3 No. 16 with two left to play.

The game was still leveled after 18, putting to the test both players' mental toughness, as they gauged the distance of their shots and read the greens. Kwon and Jin played safe in the first playoff hole, keeping the score tied anew. Finally, in the second playoff hole, Kwon proved to be steadier as she parred the par-5 No. 2, while Jin faltered when he finished with a double bogey.

"I know Jin is a tough opponent that's why he managed to tie it after 18.

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Rota to host Saipan in district meet

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The 19th CNMI District Tournament is set to take place this weekend with Rota ready to host Saipan in a best 3-of-5 competition for the right to represent the Commonwealth to the Asia-Pacific-Middle East Regionals.

Tinian begged off from the tournament after failing to come up with a team, leaving Rota and Saipan to contend for the berth to the regionals, which will be held from July 13 to 21 in the City of Guilin in China.

Saipan and Rota will play a double-header starting at 9am on Friday and one game on Saturday. Schedule of the remaining two matches will depend on the turnout

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A Saipan player pitches in this season's Little League game at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield. Saipan will battle Rota this weekend for the right to represent the CNMI in a regional tournament in China.

Tan Holdings FC rules beach soccer tourney

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Tan Holdings Football Club players and coaches pose with their championship trophy after winning the NMIFA 5v5 Beach Soccer Tournament last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



Tan Holdings Football Club went undefeated in the NMIFA 5v5 Beach Soccer Tournament to clinch the championship in last Saturday's competition at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

The champion squad is composed of Mary Kay Alferos, Wincel Bubos, Milagros King, Jhaza Mirano, Jennifer Perena, Yechiel Tabora, Yvonne Zhu, Maica Aniana, Brittany Wally, and Catherine Barrozo. Alferos and company swept all their three games in the round-robin tournament to rule the weekend event that also featured teams from Independent FC, Kanoa FC, and Matansa FC.

The three other squads were tied for second to fourth place with similar 0-2-1 win-draw-loss records. To resolve the tie-break, organizers went to goal difference. Matansa ended up at fourth with its goal difference of 3 (4 goals against subtracted from 7 goals for), while Independents FC and Kanoa were still tied with similar goal difference of 1. To break the deadlock, organizer went to goal scored with Kanoa prevailing as it nailed 8 against the 6 of Independents FC.

Independents FC and Matansa kicked off the tournament with a draw, 2-2, while Tan Holdings edged Kanoa, 3-2, in the second match. Bernadette Horey and Pratoom Stoffer scored one goal apiece for Matansa, while Melissa Borja and Terra Allen hit the board for Independents. In the Tan Holdings-Kanoa tiff, Perena drilled the go-ahead goal, while Wally logged the

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